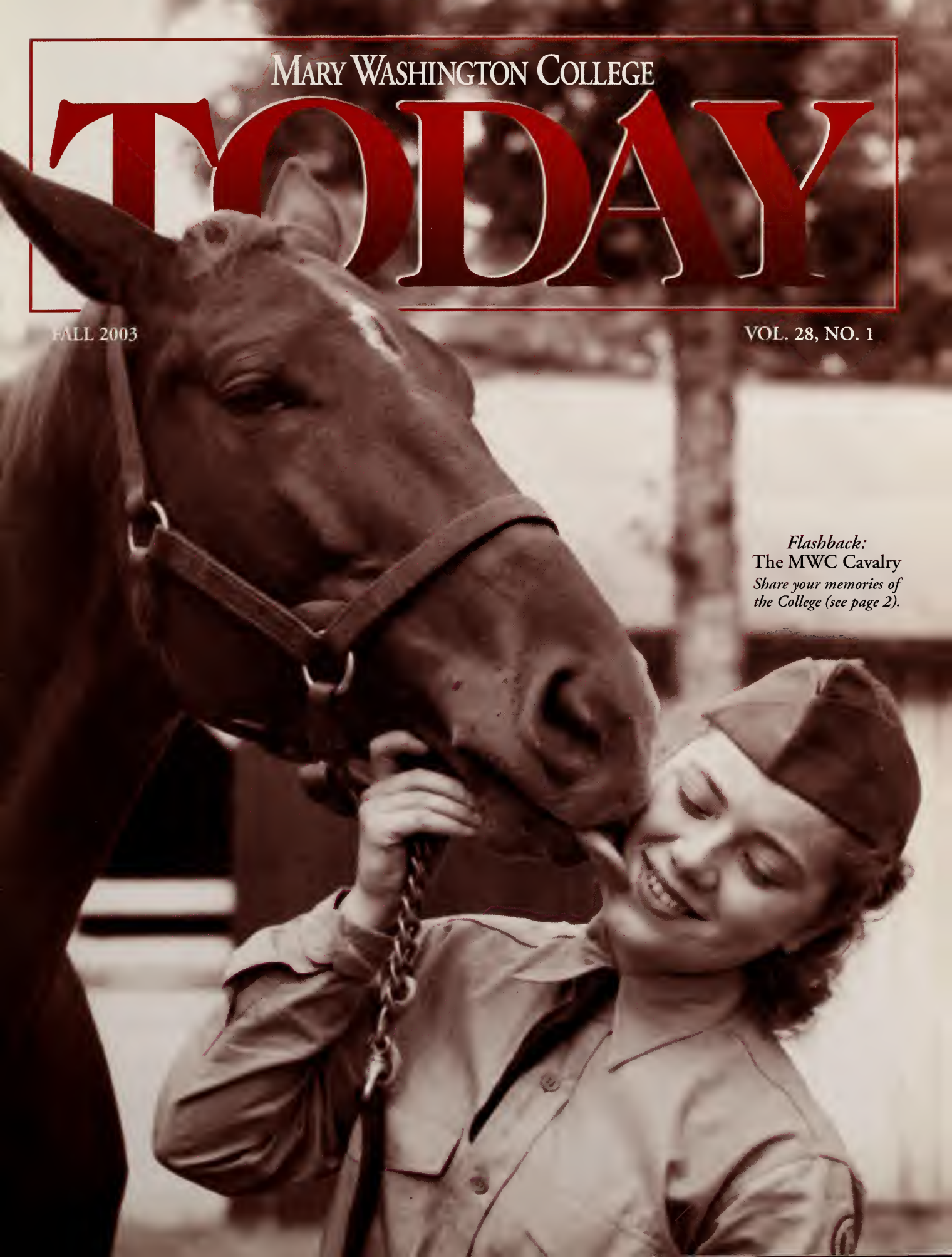

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Flashback:
The MWC Cavalry
Share your memories of the College (see page 2).

Isabel Leaves Her Mark On MWC

By Mary Randolph Nichols Corbin '71 — Executive Assistant to the President

Hurricane Isabel swept through Virginia on Friday, September 19, leaving much damage in her wake. By the time she arrived in Fredericksburg, the MWC Emergency Operations Center was ready, thanks to months of preparations by a team of staff who have developed a plan to deal with almost any disaster. Isabel was the first test, and the plan worked beautifully.

Classes were cancelled before Isabel arrived so that students who chose to leave could get home safely. Almost 1,500 students elected to stay on campus, and were joined by several students from other campuses that had evacuated. All were advised to "shelter in place" so that they could be accounted for. Announcements were made on the College Web site, campus e-mails, and the telephone hotline. Generators were rented to keep medical and food supplies cold. At lunchtime, students were provided box dinners to take to their rooms for sustenance during the storm that evening. And specified staff members stayed overnight to take care of any emergencies and keep communications live.

Fortunately, no one was injured, but Isabel did fell 200 trees, cause a power outage for 36 hours, and scattered debris across campus. As a weary Emergency Operations Team disbanded, the Facilities Services Team mobilized to begin the clean-up, which is ongoing at an estimated cost of $100,000. Classes resumed on Monday morning, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

The superb staff who planned behind the scenes and stayed on campus to execute the plan are to be commended for their dedication to the students of Mary Washington College. This was the epitome of a team effort, and, as per usual, TEAM MWC rose to the challenge.

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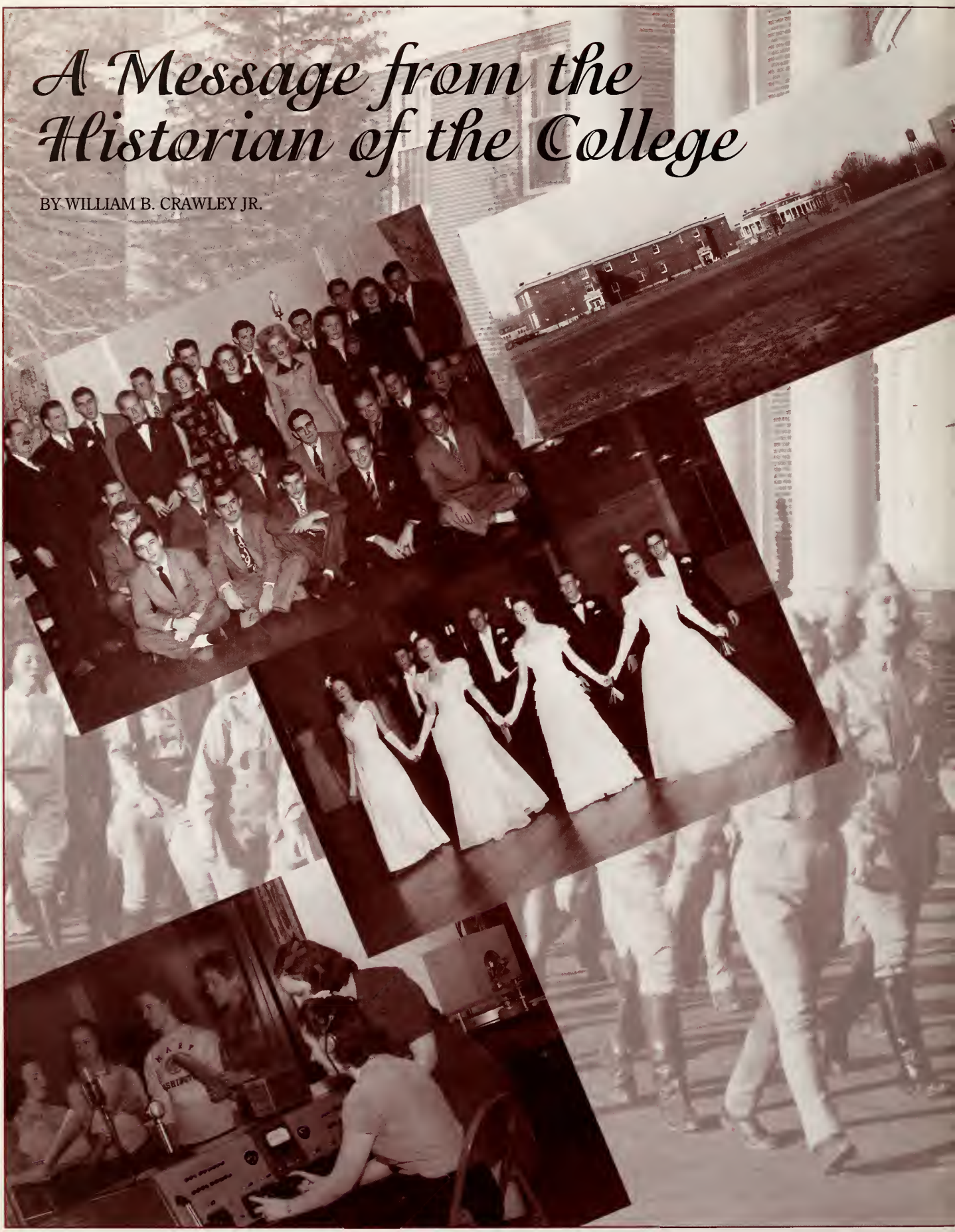
A Message from the Historian of the College

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.



In 2008 Mary Washington College will celebrate the centennial of its founding. Chartered by the Virginia General Assembly in March 1908 as the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg, in 1914 it was renamed the State Normal School for Women at Fredericksburg, and in 1924 became known as the State Teachers College at Fredericksburg.

Fourteen years later, with the curriculum having expanded beyond that of a teachers college, the General Assembly changed the name to Mary Washington College. In 1944, the College was placed under the administrative control of the University of Virginia and until 1972, as Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, it functioned essentially as the women's branch of the University. With the coming of coeducation to both institutions in 1970, Mary Washington separated from the University and in 1972 became known, once again, simply as Mary Washington College.

Subsequently, as an independent institution directed by its own Board of Visitors, Mary Washington has steadily risen in academic excellence, first under the leadership of President Grellet C. Simpson until his retirement in 1974, then under President Prince B. Woodard from 1974 until his death in 1982, and since 1983 under President William M. Anderson Jr. Currently recognized widely as one of the nation's premier state-supported liberal arts institutions, the College, which now includes the rapidly growing James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, is poised to move to university status.

With the College enjoying unprecedented prominence, planning has already begun for appropriate commemoration of its rich history. Anticipating the centennial, President Anderson recently appointed a steering committee, headed by Distinguished Professor Carter L. Hudgins, holder of the Florian Hofer Chair of American Culture and Historic Preservation, and directed that group to develop the initial concept for the celebration. A larger committee will be organized later to ensure that representatives of all of the College's constituencies will have the opportunity to participate in planning this momentous event in the College's history.

As a member of the steering committee and as Historian of the College, I am using the medium of *MWC Today*, at this early stage in our planning, to invite alumni involvement in several ways. First, even though the various events of the celebration are at present in the preliminary discussion stage, it is likely that the events will include one or more exhibits. There are already in the College archives and in the alumni office many items that will be useful in such a display. However, it is certain that many more fascinating artifacts are in the possession of alumni. If you have materials that you think would enhance an exhibit, and would be willing to donate (or lend) them for that purpose, please contact Dr. Hudgins, either by e-mail at chudgins@mwc.edu or by postal mail at the Department of History and American Studies.

Another projected element of the celebration is the publication of a centennial history, which the Board of Visitors has directed me to prepare. As most alumni probably know, the late Dean Edward Alvey wrote a magisterial history that covers the College from its founding through 1972. Although comprehensive for the period it covers, the fact is that over three decades have passed since the publication of that book — decades filled with profound and pervasive change for the College. To this I can personally attest, having been a constant observer of, and sometime participant in, those changes since joining the faculty in 1970. In any event, the centennial publication would be designed to bring within the covers of one volume the history of the earlier years, combined with those of more recent times.

In contemplating this task — an exciting, yet daunting one — the most challenging aspect is this: how to make the College live in the pages of a book as it did (and does) in the hearts and minds of those whom it has influenced. It is one thing to recount the tangible aspects of the institution's development: curricular changes, programmatic innovations, growth of the physical plant, and the like. What is far harder is to re-create the atmosphere that prevailed during various eras and to recapture those aspects of life on campus that constituted the essence of each student's experience.

The factor that makes this effort even more difficult is that students' experiences are so highly individualized. For many, no doubt, the most memorable aspects involve intellectual growth stimulated through the influence of a favorite professor; for others, memories revolve more around extracurricular activities, such as involvement in student government or clubs, or participation in sports or in musical or dramatic productions.

Alumni constitute a vibrant repository of insight into the "living" history of the College, whether it be stories about colorful and charismatic individuals or about campus social life from the white-gloved era of Dean Bushnell — wherein the annual May Day festivities epitomized rather sanitized celebration — to more recent and decidedly more raucous times of keg parties and road trips, of "streaking" and Halloweens, of Wo-Man contests and Ring Week revelry.

Each student generation can recall its "activist" issues, from the parochial (e.g., attacks on the concept of *in loco parentis* and demands for 24-hour dormitory visitation) to the national (notably anti-war protests during the Vietnam conflict). Each, too, can recall its defining moments: Pearl Harbor, the Kennedy assassination, the *Challenger* explosion, and the World Trade Center/Pentagon attacks.

All of which brings me to another request. In order to enliven the story of the College, *your* College, in ways that will render it more meaningful to you — more reflective of what you most remember about it — it would be extremely useful if you would take a few moments to share with me your recollections and observations about your own experience on "The Hill": a particular tradition or activity, a significant event either on campus or beyond, a favorite professor, a treasured memory. To facilitate your response, you may photocopy (or simply cut out and fill in) the printed survey, which you will find on the following two pages. In addition, online instructions are on page 6, if you prefer to respond that way.

Finally, we will welcome any suggestions you may have about the centennial celebration itself and encourage you to forward your ideas either to Dr. Hudgins or to me (wcrawley@mwc.edu). We look forward to your assistance in preparing to commemorate a momentous milestone in the history of the College that we all cherish.

William B. Crawley Jr. is Rector and Visitors Distinguished Professor of History and Historian of the College.

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Alumni Questionnaire

Please answer as many, or as few, of the following as you wish, using additional pages as necessary. The information requested at the end of the survey would be appreciated, but is not essential; if you prefer not to provide it, your response will be completely anonymous. Please reply by December 1, 2003. Thank you for your participation.

1. During what years did you attend Mary Washington? _____

2. What was your major? _____

3. During your time at MWC, what was the most memorable

   a. national/international event? _____

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   b. campus event? _____

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4. What was the most amusing event/situation? _____

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5. What were the most popular traditions? _____

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6. What were the main social events? _____

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7. What were the most popular

   a. songs? _____

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   b. movies? _____

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   c. TV/radio programs? _____

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8. Who was your favorite professor, and why? _____

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9. What were the biggest changes that you noticed on campus during your time at MWC?

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10. In retrospect, what about MWC did you like

a. most? _____

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b. least? _____

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11. How did your experience at MWC affect your life thereafter?

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12. Please feel free to include additional comments. _____

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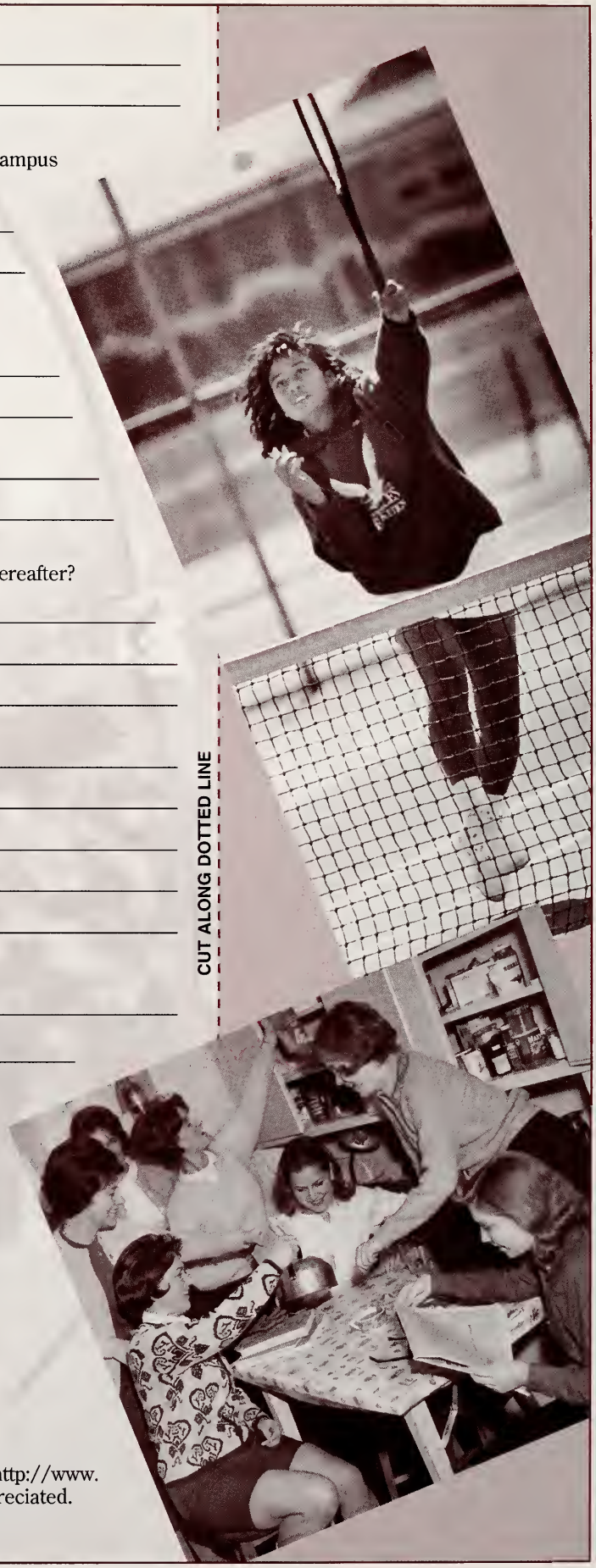
Or to contribute your remembrances online, please log onto http://www.mwc.edu/mwchistory. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.



BY TERESA JOERGER MANNIX '01

COMMENCEMENT★2003

Delegate William J. Howell (left) and President William M. Anderson Jr. Delegate Howell received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree.

William J. Howell, speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, delivered the commencement address for Mary Washington College's Class of 2003, titled "Enriching Your Lives Through Love, People and Service." Speaker Howell spoke to a crowd of approximately 5,000 people including graduates, family members, friends and faculty who gathered in Ball Circle for the 92nd annual commencement on Saturday, May 17, 2003.

A total of 932 degrees were awarded to the largest-ever graduating class at Mary Washington College, including 13 master of arts in liberal studies degrees, 18 master of science in education degrees, 423 bachelor of arts degrees, 389 bachelor of science degrees and 89 bachelor of liberal studies degrees.

During the commencement ceremony, Speaker Howell received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree in recognition of his longtime commitment to higher education and to Mary Washington College.

In January, Delegate Howell was sworn in as the second Republican Speaker of the House in modern history for the nearly 400-year-old Virginia House of Delegates. Having served in the General Assembly for 16 years, Howell was first elected in 1987 as the delegate from the 28th District, which now includes part of Stafford County and the city of Fredericksburg.

During his address, Speaker Howell spoke about three life-lessons that he hopes the graduates will experience in their new endeavors: that love is central, that people and not things are important, and that people should live, work and be about a purpose larger than themselves. Speaker Howell told the graduates that in any situation, they can make a real and positive difference by embracing the values of love and charity. "Adopting and adhering to a core set of values and principles helps a person to set priorities, make decisions and achieve success," he said. "Whatever you decide, I imagine in time you will find that — if you look closely enough — love is playing a central role. You see, true success comes from the heart — whether as a good laugh or making somebody smile, extending a simple courtesy, or as a genuine love freely given and shared."

In discussing his second life-lesson of non-materialism, he spoke of character. Speaker Howell said, "When wealth is lost, it's nothing. When health is lost, that's something. But when character is lost, all is lost." He stressed to the graduates that everyone must strive to act with integrity toward one another, and encouraged them to continue to live up to the high standards of honorable and ethical conduct taught by the Mary Washington College Honor System.

Speaker Howell also related how volunteerism has helped him discover how rewarding caring for others can be. He advised the graduates, "Truly giving of yourself, not for personal financial gain or for social stature, is one of life's most noble gestures. Indeed, compassion and service to others embodies what is best in us as human beings. I trust that you will accept your civic responsibility to engage and continue this legacy we share. And remember, no act of charity — no matter how small — is ever wasted."

In closing, he urged the graduates to keep these lessons in mind as they depart Mary Washington College. He also added, "I pray this college and community, our Commonwealth and country, continue to be blessed with citizens and leaders of your good character and intellect."

Speaker Howell is chairman of the Joint House and Senate Rules Committee, which decides administrative policy for the operations of the General Assembly and agencies within the legislative branch. As presiding officer of the House of Delegates, Speaker Howell's responsibilities include assigning bills to the committees, moderating debate on the House floor and ruling on questions of parliamentary order. Speaker Howell appoints the chairs of all standing House committees and the delegates who serve on them. He also is charged with naming lawmakers and citizens to a variety of state boards, commissions and other government entities. In 2001, the American Legislative Exchange Council honored Speaker Howell as "State Legislator of the Year."

Prior to being elected speaker, Howell served as chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee and led the Virginia Code Commission. He earned his juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law and holds an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Richmond. He currently practices trust and estate law in Falmouth, Va.

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MWC Commencement Awards

Dr. Rosemary Barra

Three Mary Washington College faculty members and one student received top honors from the College during commencement ceremonies on May 17.

Rosemary Barra, professor of biology, was presented the Grellet C. Simpson Award, which is given each year as the institution's most prestigious award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. The recipient is usually a senior member of the faculty.

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English, received the MWC Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, which is presented annually to an exceptional member of the faculty who has served the institution for at least two years, but no more than five years. The award was established 14 years ago with an endowment gift of $35,000 from the Alumni Association.

Gregg Stull, associate professor of theatre, was given the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award. The recipient of the award is selected by the graduating class as the faculty member "whom they will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives."

Dean Philip L. Hall presented Ms. Claudia Emerson with the Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award.

Erik Clifford Johnston of Salem, Va., received the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award, which is presented annually to the student with the highest grade point average (GPA).

ROSEMARY BARRA

Rosemary Barra earned her doctorate in physiology from Rutgers University, after earning a bachelor of science degree in biology from Duquesne University. A member of the Mary Washington College faculty since 1982, Dr. Barra was chair of the department of biological sciences for nine years. She has received numerous research grants and other awards, including the Chi Beta Phi Award of Excellence. She is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society for Cell Biology, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Science Teacher's Association, and is a past president of the Virginia Academy of Science.

An active member of the Mary Washington College community, Dr. Barra was chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Committee on Administration and Resources, as well as a member of the SACS Steering Committee and the Interview Committee for the Washington Scholars Program. She also serves as faculty marshal and chair of the Commencement Committee. In addition, Dr. Barra maintains close ties to the student body as faculty adviser for both Alpha Phi Sigma, an honor society recognizing high academic achievement, and annual student research projects.

Associate Professor of Theatre Gregg Stull '82 received the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award from Meredith J. Johnston, Student Government Association President.

CLAUDIA EMERSON

Claudia Emerson earned her master of fine arts degree in creative writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Virginia. A well-respected author, her collections of poetry include *Pharaoh, Pharaoh; Pinion, An Elegy*; and the forthcoming *Late Wife*. Her poems also have appeared in *Poetry, The Southern Review, The Georgia Review, TriQuarterly, Crazyhorse, The Louisville Review, New England Review* and other journals. She also has served as a contributing and advisory editor for *Shenandoah* and a guest editor for *Visions International*.

Emerson's awards include two Virginia Commission for the Arts individual Artist Fellowships in Poetry and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry. She also has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for *Pharaoh, Pharaoh* and a Pushcart Prize for "The Admirer." At Mary Washington College, Emerson has served in the faculty senate for the department of English, linguistics, and speech. She also has been a member of several committees, as well as the faculty adviser for both *Aubade* and the Mary Washington College Writers' Society. She recently was elected president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

GREGG STULL

Gregg Stull earned his master's degree in theater management from the University of Maryland, after having received his bachelor's degree in dramatic arts from Mary Washington College. He joined the College's faculty in 1993 and currently serves as chair of the department of theatre and dance. A past recipient of MWC's Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, Stull also was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the Arts and Humanities Transition Team shortly after the 1992 election. In the Fredericksburg community, he has played an active role in the Fredericksburg Theatre Company.

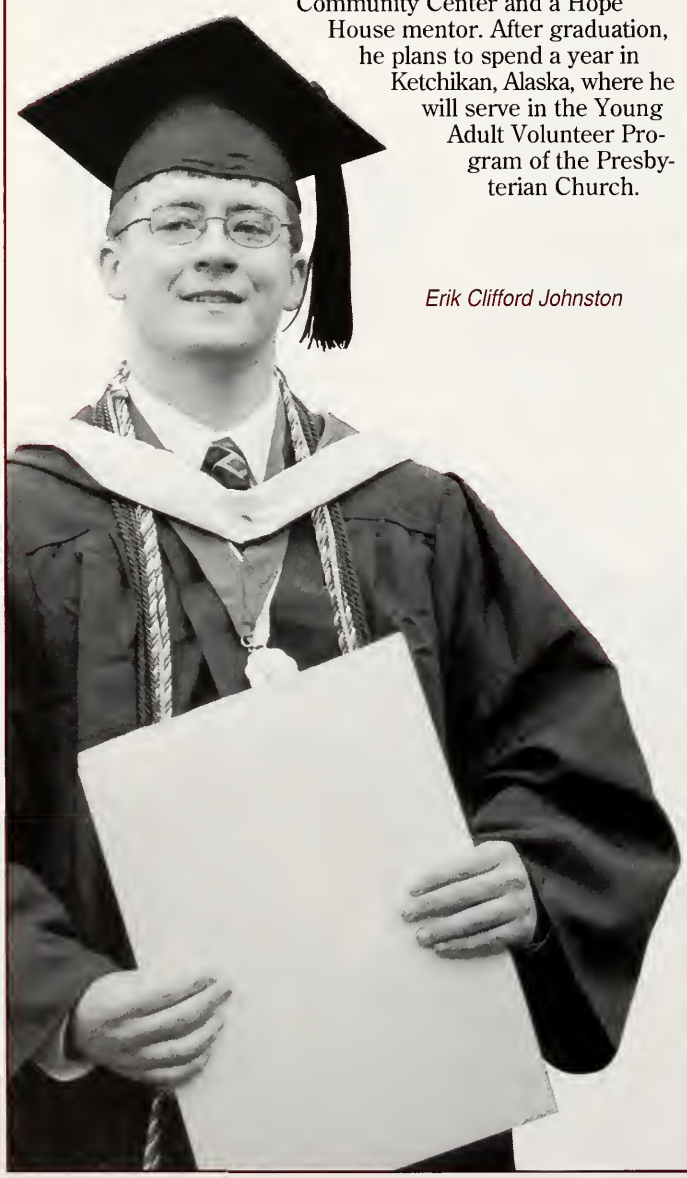
Stull currently consults with arts organizations throughout the country in the areas of long-range planning and artistic assessment, and serves as a panelist for the Ohio Arts Council. He has served on the board of directors of The

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. He is a recognized leader nationally on AIDS and the arts, as well as volunteerism.

ERIK CLIFFORD JOHNSTON

Erik Clifford Johnston has earned the Darden Award for having the highest GPA in the Class of 2003 — a 3.97. He has been listed on the President's List (all A's) five times, and the Dean's List twice. A political science and international affairs major, Johnston has been inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, an honor society recognizing excellence in these fields, and received the 2003 Fitschen Award for the Outstanding International Affairs Student from the department of political science and international affairs at the College. His other honors include being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, which recognizes scholarship, leadership and service, and the Pi Gamma Mu honor society for social science. He also has been listed in *Who's Who Among American University and College Students* and is a previous winner of the student writing contest.

Johnston has completed internships with Virginia Congressman Rick Boucher and Nobel Peace Prize-winner Jody Williams. His other extracurricular activities included serving as a volunteer tutor at the Bragg Hill Community Center and a Hope House mentor. After graduation, he plans to spend a year in Ketchikan, Alaska, where he will serve in the Young Adult Volunteer Program of the Presbyterian Church.



Erik Clifford Johnston

Dr. Clavio F. Ascari

Five Faculty Awarded Emeritus Status

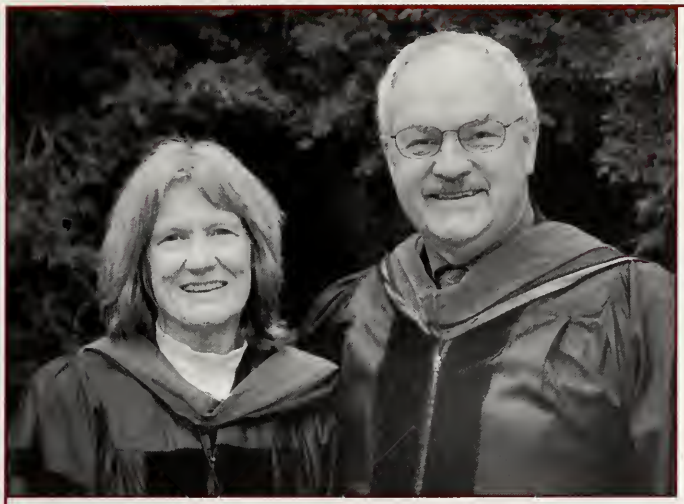
Faculty members who have served Mary Washington College for at least 15 years and who have attained the rank of professor or associate professor are eligible upon retirement to be considered for emeritus status. This honor, by action of the Board of Visitors, was bestowed upon five distinguished faculty members at the College's commencement ceremony on May 17.

CLAVIO F. ASCARI, professor emeritus of Italian; Stephen L. Lipscomb, professor emeritus of mathematics; Carol S. Manning, professor emeritus of English; Robert L. McConnell, professor emeritus of geology; and William Ray Pope, associate professor emeritus of psychology.

In 1965 Clavio Ascari first came to Mary Washington College on a Fulbright fellowship, having received his Dottore in Lingue e Letterature Moderne from Universita Bocconi in Mirandola, Italy. Following further studies he returned to the College in 1970 to build its Italian program, a task that through the years has involved offering more than 15 different courses, crafting special majors in Italian, teaching multiple individual studies courses each semester and supervising diverse international experiences for his students. He was influential in the creation of a summer program in Urbino, Italy, which became the prototype for subsequent programs established by the College in Mexico, Germany and Spain.

A scholar of exceptionally broad interests and expertise, Dr. Ascari has published three books, as well as numerous chapters, articles and reviews, covering subjects spanning from ancient Rome through post-World War II, and authors as diverse as Dante, Boccaccio, Leopardi and D'Annunzio. In addition, he served for nine years as editor of *Il Giornalino*, a monthly publication for language teachers. His excellence as a teacher has been attested through such honors as a Distinguished Service Award from the prestigious International Institute of Education in 1999, the Grellet C. Simpson Award in 2001 for excellence in teaching at Mary Washington College, and a Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award from the Virginia State Council of Higher Education in 2002.

STEPHEN LIPSCOMB earned a bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College, a master's degree from West Virginia University, and a doctorate from the University of



Drs. Carol S. Manning and Stephen L. Lipscomb

Virginia. He joined the mathematics faculty at Mary Washington College in 1983, having worked for 16 years as a successful research mathematician for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division. Within a year of arriving at the College, he was appointed chair of the department of mathematical sciences and physics, as it was then known. During his nine years as chair, he not only presided over the enhancement of the quality of the mathematics area, but also encouraged and supervised the establishment of separate departments of physics and computer science.

A prolific scholar both before and during his tenure at Mary Washington, Dr. Lipscomb's wide-ranging expertise included his 1996 work, *Symmetric Inverse Semigroups*, as part of a prestigious series of the American Mathematical Society, and numerous contributions in the area of topology. Despite his extensive research activities, his primary focus remained upon teaching.

CAROL MANNING received her bachelor's degree from Delta State College in Cleveland, Miss., and her master's degree from the University of Kentucky, prior to earning a doctorate from the State University of New York, Albany. She joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1982, originally to teach journalism and literature courses. Since that time, she has balanced a heavy load of teaching and committee assignments with serving as chair of the department of English, linguistics, and speech for two and a half years, while making a permanent imprint upon the College's academic program. She conceived, launched and has maintained the College's acclaimed Writing Intensive Program — a model that is widely emulated throughout the country.

A respected literary scholar, she has written a book on Southern author Eudora Welty and edited another on *The Female Tradition in Southern Literature*. Her works also include numerous articles and reviews. An esteemed teacher, Dr. Manning has been recognized at the College as both a Jepson Fellow and, in 1996, as the recipient of the Simpson Award for excellence in teaching. Beyond the campus, she has been a Fellow in Residence at the Virginia Center for the Humanities and in 1990 received a State Council of Higher Education Award for the quality of her teaching.

ROBERT MCCONNELL earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in geology at the University of Tennessee and his doctorate in geology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He was on the faculty of the University of Tennessee, a researcher at Virginia Tech and a lecturer at the Open University in England.

Dr. Robert L. McConnell

Dr. William Ray Pope

After joining the Mary Washington faculty in 1981, he sustained the geology major as the only full-time faculty member in the discipline, teaching a range of courses that included physical geology, evolution of the earth, mineralogy, petrology, oceanography, structural geology, sedimentation and environmental geology. He has published numerous articles on water resources and the environmental impact associated with energy consumption and population growth. The co-author of two widely used textbooks in the fields of geology and environmental science, Dr. McConnell has earned a widespread reputation for his commentaries that have appeared in newspapers throughout the United States.

WILLIAM RAY POPE joined MWC's department of psychology in 1981 as an instructor, having earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University. He was promoted to the rank of assistant professor in 1982 after receiving his doctorate in experimental psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Pope left the department in 1985 as an associate professor to assume the administrative position of associate director, and in 1987 director of academic computing, an area that was becoming increasingly important in the academic lives of students and faculty. In 1990, he became assistant vice president for instructional technology and computing, a position he held for two years before being appointed acting assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research. Finally, in 1992, Dr. Pope was appointed assistant vice president for planning, assessment, and institutional research, a position he held until his retirement earlier this year.

JAMES MONROE CENTER

HOLDS ITS FIRST COMMENCEMENT

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

The James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies marked a major milestone in its four-year history when it held its first commencement, awarding 89 master's and bachelor's degrees during evening ceremonies at the Stafford County campus.

Before a crowd of more than 800, former Stafford Administrator C.M. Williams Jr. urged members of the James Monroe Center Class of 2003 to share their talents and give back to the community. "Every one of you can make a difference," Williams said.

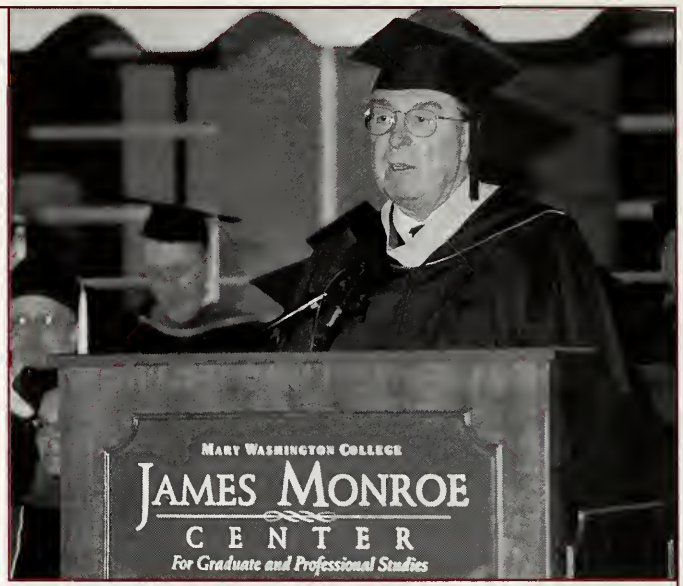
Graduates received 36 bachelor of professional studies degrees, 30 master of business administration degrees, and 23 master of education degrees during the exercise Thursday, May 15, 2003. With President William M. Anderson Jr. presiding over the ceremony, dignitaries on hand included the Board of Visitors as well as top College administrators.

Four large white tents in front of the James Monroe Center building sheltered the crowd from occasional sprinkles of rain as the skies darkened during the ceremony. The commencement concluded with a procession of dignitaries and faculty re-entering the JMC building — just minutes ahead of a pounding downpour.

The first on-site commencement represented a turning point for the James Monroe Center (JMC), which opened its building with a gleaming glass-and-steel facade in 1999. In 2001, four James Monroe Center graduates were awarded degrees during the commencement ceremonies at the Fredericksburg campus, and 33 JMC students received degrees at the Fredericksburg commencement in 2002.

"It's always been exciting for me to watch the adult students of the College walk across the stage and receive their degrees. But to have a whole commencement of the James Monroe Center adult students is incredibly thrilling," Meta R. Braymer, the College's vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the JMC faculty, remarked when she received the prestigious Washington Medallion during this year's ceremony. She told the graduates, "I am so proud of you."

Dr. Meta R. Braymer congratulated A. Blair Staley upon his receiving the James Monroe Center Faculty Award.



C.M. Williams Jr. was awarded an MWC Monroe Medal upon his retirement, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the JMC Commencement in recognition of his exceptional service to the institution.

More than half of the James Monroe Center Class of 2003 was recognized for graduating with honors or awards recognizing academic achievement. That's no small feat, considering that students typically juggle studies with full-time employment. Many are raising children, too. Classes are generally held once weekly in the evening or on weekends to allow adults to balance other demands while pursuing degrees part time.

C.M. Williams Jr., the commencement speaker, played a crucial role in securing the 49-acre site along U.S. 17 for the James Monroe Center and he supported the center's development. The James Monroe Center and its growth — 702 students were enrolled in fall 2002, a 33 percent jump from a year earlier — have prompted the College's move to university status.

In his address, Williams expressed pleasure that a second JMC building will be built to increase higher education opportunities for the region: "This first graduation ceremony ever on this campus is indicative of the changing nature of the expectations that members of the community have for the future. As the population expands, the role that this campus plays in supporting the community will grow in importance."

This year, Williams retired from his position as county administrator after 19 years at the helm of Stafford. In his speech, he encouraged the graduates to share their abilities and time with the community. He said they have attained academic success through intellectual capacity, time, personal effort and, in some cases, borrowed resources. They also have benefited from the support of family, friends, organizations and the community at large. Williams said the truism — "to whom much is given, much is expected" — is more important now than ever before.

To illustrate his point, he spotlighted Stafford resident Jane Conner. As Conner pursued a teaching certificate at MWC,

she learned that Government Island in Stafford was the source of sandstone used to build the U.S. Capitol and the White House. Conner went on to spearhead efforts to protect the island from development, eventually helping to persuade the county to preserve it.

"I hope that you recognize that much has been given to you," Williams told the graduates. "I encourage you to offer your time, talent and resources for the benefit of the community. Your rewards will be personally fulfilling." During the commencement ceremonies, Williams received an honorary doctorate of humane letters in recognition of his service to the people of this region and to the welfare of MWC in particular.

Christine J. Neuberger is news information and publications coordinator at the James Monroe Center.

JMC Awards

The dean of the James Monroe Center faculty, a faculty member and three students earned top honors during the first commencement ceremonies held at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies on May 15.

Meta R. Braymer, MWC's vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the James Monroe Center faculty, was presented the Washington Medallion, a prestigious honor bestowed by the College's president and Board of Visitors on special occasions for extraordinary service to the College.

A. Blair Staley, then assistant professor of leadership and management, received the James Monroe Center Faculty Award, which was presented this year for the first time to recognize an exceptional full-time faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and professional leadership and who has served at JMC for at least two years.

James Ralph Swisher of Spotsylvania County was named the Outstanding Student in the Master of Business Administration Program; Patricia A. Baker of Culpeper County was recognized as the Outstanding Student in the Master of Education Program; and Gordon A. Genovese of Stafford County was recognized as the Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Professional Studies Program.

The top graduates must have a minimum 3.8 grade point average (GPA) and must demonstrate academic excellence beyond the GPA. These award winners must also show leadership, enthusiasm, commitment and professional potential.

Rector of the Board of Visitors Dori G. Eglevsky (left) presented the Washington Medallion to Dr. Meta R. Braymer.

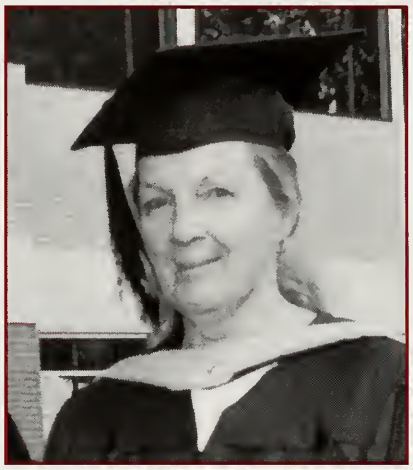
META R. BRAYMER

Meta R. Braymer was presented the Washington Medallion, marking only the second time that the College's president and Board of Visitors have given this honor. The medallion recognizes Dr. Braymer's dedication to the welfare of MWC in general and specifically her exceptional leadership in the development of the four-year-old James Monroe Center.

"I am surprised, overwhelmed and very honored," Dr. Braymer said upon receiving the award. About the James Monroe Center, she said "I think we all know it takes a team of people to do something like this, starting with the vision of the president and the Board of Visitors and with a highly dedicated faculty and staff."

Dr. Braymer joined the College's administration in 1990 and helped guide plans for the new MWC campus dedicated to graduate and professional studies programs. The James Monroe Center opened in 1999 in Stafford County. Enrollment has climbed

James Ralph Swisher



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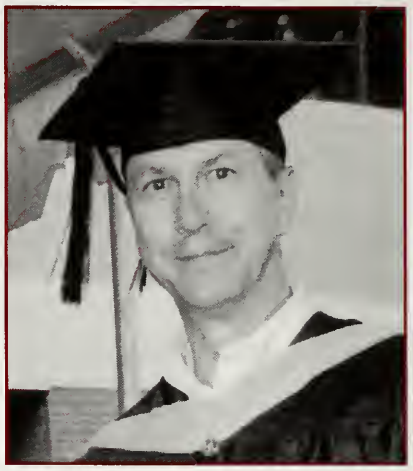


Gordon A. Genovese

rapidly, and plans for a second building are underway. Dr. Braymer's responsibilities at the James Monroe Center include programs of the College that serve adults, such as the bachelor of professional studies, the master of education, and the master of business administration.

In its resolution, the Board of Visitors states: "Under her enlightened and far-sighted guidance, the Center has rapidly emerged as a thriving institution whose reputation for high-quality programs of service in the areas of graduate and professional education has established it as both an academic and economic asset to the region."

Dr. Braymer is 2003 chair-elect of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, putting her in line to serve as board chairman in 2004. She also currently serves as board chair of the Virginia Foundation for Women, a nonprofit organization that promotes the welfare of women and girls through education, collaboration, outreach and leadership.

Prior to coming to MWC, Dr. Braymer served as director of evening, summer and off-campus credit programs at Virginia Commonwealth University. She holds a doctorate in English from the University of Tennessee, a master's degree from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's degree from Maryville College in Tennessee.

JAMES RALPH SWISHER

James Ralph Swisher earned a master of business administration with a concentration in general management. He works as an engineering manager and industrial engineer at Mary Washington Hospital, where he established and developed the hospital's industrial engineering program. Swisher has contributed articles to professional journals, including the *Journal of the Operational Research Society,* and he has made presentations to professional conferences.

His instructors said Mr. Swisher frequently showed leadership and a positive attitude. Highly respected by other students, he helped fellow students understand how course materials applied to "real world" situations. He earned a GPA of 4.0.

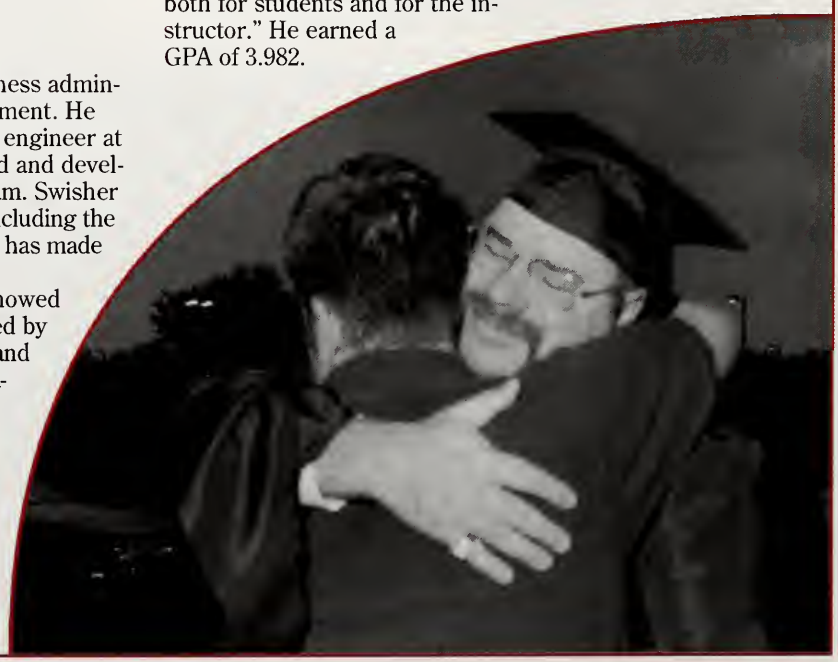
PATRICIA A. BAKER

Patricia A. Baker earned a master of education with an emphasis in teaching diverse student populations. She currently teaches gifted and talented students at Mary Walter Elementary School in Fauquier County, and was previously elected Culpeper County's Northern Virginia Regional Teacher of the Year. She has made presentations at professional conferences on topics related to primary, elementary and gifted education, and has begun working toward National Board Certification, a credential that recognizes master teachers. Her instructors said Baker consistently exceeded assignment requirements, raised the level of class discussions through her questions and insights, and freely shared her enthusiasm, support and leadership. She earned a GPA of 4.0.

GORDON ARTHUR GENOVESE

A graduate with highest distinction, Gordon Arthur Genovese earned a bachelor of professional studies with a concentration in leadership and management. Genovese was named to the President's List (all A's) for five semesters. He had a 20-year career in the Air Force, where he served as primary adviser to the commander on workforce personnel issues. After his recent retirement, he began a second career in human resources, working in assessment and counseling.

One instructor wrote that Genovese "set the pace in my class through his leadership both within his group and in class sessions." Genovese's "ability to generate thoughtful discourse greatly added to the classroom experience both for students and for the instructor." He earned a GPA of 3.982.



REUNION 2003

The Class of 1953 celebrated its 50th Reunion from May 30-June 1, 2003. Class Agent Barbara Faxon Stout '53 recounts the days....

We arrived on campus from a myriad of geographic locations, filled out papers and sorted ourselves into the Class of 1953, much as we did 54 years ago. Our eyes took in the campus almost in surprise — and certainly in joy — that it is still as beautiful as ever it was. We walked to Seacobeck via the freshman path from Willard to recall the loveliness of crossing the low bridge in its shady bower. Below us, the brook murmured along its way to the cadence of the years gone by. Happy in our togetherness, we strolled old pathways and visited dorm rooms we once inhabited, and recalled old friends, old profs, old times.

At our class party in Ball Hall, we discovered that 54 of the 197 of us who graduated in 1953 were in attendance. The afternoon's entertainment began with moderator Janet Swan Clements Jacobs introducing Roylee Tozer McCullough, who shared a teaser from one of her performances at an Alexandria, Va., theater. Next were Nancy Melton Miller, Becky Spitzer Harvill, and Peggy Hopkins Johnson delighting us with a skit making fun of the problems of old age, a stage we may be entering some day! With wisdom added to their fine senses of humor, these ladies brought us even more pleasure than they did as undergraduates. Sharing copies of a portion of Kitty Garland Obenshain's music from her opera, "Hekate's Helper," we sang as she accompanied us on the piano, affording us the feel of her outstanding work. As of old, Connie Bennett Elliott also played the piano as we sang Mary Washington songs, including Connie's composition, "The Echo of the Chimes," that she wrote as a student. It was an afternoon of fellowship, of remembering, of laughter, of tears.

Our Golden Society Tea at Virginia Hall, meals at Seacobeck (one wing is now a bistro!), and gatherings at the hospitality room at the Holiday Inn provided us more opportunities to recall, renew and regenerate. Other activities were a tour of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, an impressive facility; the welcome reception; and the reunion banquet.

All of our moments together at the reunion activities and on campus walks were a celebration of our youth as students as well as of who we are today, our divergent paths from graduation having brought us to this homecoming 50 years later for just such a celebration. We loved our time together, regretted its fleeting character and vowed that we will not wait five more years to return again.

MWC roommates and lifelong friends Alice Rife Wilson '38 and Mary Jack Clary Brooks '38 celebrated their 65th reunion.

Isebelle Page Burden '33 (seated), longtime class agent, attended Reunion Weekend with her daughter, Mary Page Burden Cosby '63.

Bea Whittle '49 and husband Don '51 have become "Reunion Weekend regulars," returning to campus each year from their home in Charleston, W. Va.

Lois Saunier Hornsby '48 shares news at the Class of 1948's party in Monroe Hall.

Janet, Peggy and Kitty worked tremendously hard to bring us such a grand 50th, and we thank them. Kitty did an outstanding job of compiling and editing our 50th reunion booklet. After digesting the material from so many of the class, she concluded the following: "Fifty years! That's half a century — and seems impossible! But I suspect within our 'elderly' exteriors there still beat youthful, optimistic hearts full of hope and love, and, I know for a certainty, having read the questionnaires you returned, that we are a busy, active, caring group. We have had grief and heartbreak and great joys; we have struggled with health problems of our own or our families; we have survived anxieties and worries of all kinds; we have joyfully embraced learning and have put that education to good use. We have worked hard to better our communities and given freely of our time and resources to make our world a better place. We have 'run the race' — and we aren't at the finish line yet! In your responses, I see no inkling of a desire to rest on our laurels yet, and expect further growth and accomplishment from a wonderful group of people. I am proud to be a member of the Class of 1953 of Mary Washington College!"

Members of the Class of 1973 celebrate 30 years since graduation.

The Class of 1968 arrived with crowns, wild glasses and boundless energy.

Kitty Garland Obenshain '53 takes a minute to practice before the class party gets underway.

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REUNION 2003

The Mary Washington College Alumni Association awarded its top honors to five alumni as part of the College's Reunion Weekend activities, held on campus May 30-June 1, 2003.

Marion Blakey '70 of Chevy Chase, Md., and Katherine Cesky Hegmann '78 of Fredericksburg were awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement over time through profession or career, civic activities or the arts.

Judith Henley Beck '68 of Reisterstown, Md., and Patricia Branstetter Revere '63 of Richmond, Va., received the Frances Liebenow Armstrong Service Award for outstanding and continuous service to the College and/or Alumni Association. The award honors the service of its first recipient, Frances Liebenow Armstrong of the Class of 1936, whose relationship to the College spans nearly seven decades and who embodies the spirit of the service that the award recognizes.

Jeffrey W. McClurken '94 of Springfield, Va., received the Young Alumnus Merit Award, which is presented to an alumnus within 15 years of his or her graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in professional or career activities, civic involvement or the arts.

Marion Blakey '70

Distinguished Alumnus

Katherine Cesky Hegmann '78

Marion Blakey '70 was appointed to head the Federal Aviation Administration by President George W. Bush in September 2002. There, her responsibilities include regulating and advancing the safety of the nation's airways, as well as operating the world's largest air traffic control system. Before her appointment to the FAA, Ms. Blakey served as chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for one year, also by presidential appointment. Her responsibilities at this post included investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States, as well as significant railroad, highway, marine and pipeline accidents. The NTSB also issues safety recommendations for preventing future accidents. Shortly after this appointment, she led the investigation of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Queens, N.Y.

Ms. Blakey also has served as administrator of the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and spent eight years as the principal of Blakey & Associates, a Washington, D.C., public affairs consulting firm that focuses on transportation issues and traffic safety. In addition, she has held four previous presidential appointments, two of which required Senate confirmation. She has served in the Department of Commerce, the Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the White House.

After earning a bachelor's degree with honors in international studies from MWC, Ms. Blakey attended Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies for graduate work in Middle East Affairs. She recently has served as the College's Distinguished Graduate in Residence and is a

Judith Henley Beck '68

current member of the President's Council. In 2002, she was inducted into the Mary Washington College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Distinguished Alumnus

Katherine Cesky Hegmann '78, general manager of IBM Global Business Transformation, began working for IBM Federal Systems in 1979 as an associate engineer. From 1989 to 1992, she held several program management and business area management positions, overseeing large Department of Defense systems integration programs. In 1992, she became vice president of the Manassas, Va., laboratory and was responsible for managing more than 1,200 engineers and programmers, as well as manufacturing and operations personnel.

In 1994, Ms. Hegmann became senior vice president of Navy Systems for the Federal Systems Division, which now is owned and operated by the Lockheed Martin Corporation. Four years later, she was named president of Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems. There her responsibilities included $500 million in annual sales, providing products, systems and services throughout the world. Under her leadership, the company was awarded two Vice President Gore National Performance Review Hammer Awards for significant contributions to the U.S. Navy and Software Engineering Institute Capability Maturity Model Level 5. In 2000, Ms. Hegmann rejoined the IBM Corporation and has served as general manager for Global Application Development and Management Services, Global Business Innovation Services and Global Business Transformation.

Ms. Hegmann graduated from MWC with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics, and has completed graduate work in electrical engineering and computer science. In addition, she is a previous chair of the Naval Research Advisory Committee, through appointment by the secretary of the Navy, as well as a past member of the board of trustees for Webb Institute's College of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and the Stevens Institute of Technology, which honored her last year with an honorary doctorate in engineering. She also recently returned to the College to serve as Executive-in-Residence.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong Service Award

Judith Henley Beck '68 began her involvement with the Alumni Association after moving to Baltimore in the early 1970s. She was an officer with the Baltimore Chapter for many years and continues to support alumni activities in that area. Ms. Beck has served on the Alumni Association's board of directors as vice president for classes, where she helped to plan the College's 75th anniversary celebration in 1983. She also has been president-elect and president of the Alumni Association from 1988 through 1992, and returned for the 2000-02 term as vice president for finance. She also chaired her reunion gift committee in 1998. She continues to serve Mary Washington as a member of the Alumni Executive Center Campaign Committee and as an active participant in Baltimore alumni activities.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong Service Award

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63 is a longtime participant in Richmond-area alumni activities. She has served on the Alumni Association board of directors in many capacities, beginning as chair of the Alumni Awards Committee from 1988 to 1990. She was elected vice president for the Alumni Fund for the 1995-97 term, was president-elect and president from 1998 through 2002, and currently serves on the Alumni Association's board of directors as immediate past president. She chaired her class reunion gift committee in 1998 and again this year. In addition, she has served on the Mary Washington College Real Estate Foundation Board of Directors since 2001.

Young Alumnus Merit Award

After graduating from Mary Washington College, Jeffrey W. McClurken '94 earned his master's degree and doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. He joined the department of history and American studies at Mary Washington College full time in 2001 as assistant professor of history. During his short tenure as a professor, Dr. McClurken has become a favorite among students and well-respected among his colleagues. He completed his dissertation on post-Civil War veterans' families and was invited to participate in a panel at last year's Southern Historical Association meeting, Confederate Welfare and the Lost Cause.

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Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

Jeffrey W. McClurken '94

HALL OF FAME

BUHITE, MEJIA, WHITED NAMED TO MWC ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BY CLINT OFTEN

Three former student-athletes comprise the eighth induction class into the Mary Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame: six-time track All-America Tammy Buhite '93, former swimming standout Matt Mejia '93, and two-sport standout Sheri Whited '91. The induction ceremony is part of Homecoming Weekend each year.

Tammy Buhite still remains the most highly decorated track athlete in MWC history, winning six All-America honors during her outstanding career. A 1993 graduate of MWC with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics, Buhite was a five-time All-American in the triple jump, and earned one All-America award in the long jump. She placed as high as third in the triple jump on three separate occasions, and was also outstanding in the classroom, as she was named to the Dean's List three times. She is currently a teacher at Berkeley Elementary School in Spotsylvania County, Va., working with gifted students, and is enrolled at MWC's James Monroe Center, pursuing an endorsement in gifted education.

Matt Mejia had one of the top swimming careers in MWC history, as he held nine pool records at the same time during his senior season. He was the first male swimmer from MWC to qualify for and compete at the NCAA Championships, in both 1991 and 1992. In addition to leading MWC to three conference championships (twice as team captain), he was named the Capital Athletic Conference Male Swimmer of the Year in 1992. Since graduation, Mejia received his master of education degree from the University of Virginia in counselor education and higher education administration, and is now employed at Mary Washington College as assistant dean of admissions for graduate and professional studies for MWC and the James Monroe Center.

Sheri Whited ranks as one of the top athletes in MWC history in two different sports: field hockey and softball. A 1991 graduate of MWC with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, Whited still ranks third all-time in the field hockey record books in career points and goals, and still holds several softball records as well. A four-year member of both teams, Whited was an all-region and all-conference selection in both sports. Since graduation, Whited has been a valuable member of the field hockey program at MWC, serving as a volunteer assistant coach for several years, and has remained active in national field hockey, playing for the Washington Shredders. She is employed as a chemistry teacher at Annandale High School in Annandale, Va., and recently completed a master's degree at George Washington University.

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.

On Campus

MWC Establishes William M. Anderson Jr. Washington Scholarship

The Mary Washington College Alumni Association recently established the College's fifth Washington Scholarship — the William M. Anderson Jr. Washington Scholarship — in honor of the Mary Washington College president's service to the College during the past 27 years.

The renewable scholarship is awarded to the College's most promising incoming freshman and is equal to full in-state tuition, fees, room and board. It was established through a $200,000 endowment gift from the Mary Washington College Alumni Association.

According to the Board of Visitors resolution establishing the scholarship, it is "an appropriate and permanent tribute to [Dr. Anderson] for the vision he has provided as president of the College since 1983 in leading Mary Washington to a position of prominence among liberal arts institutions throughout the United States."

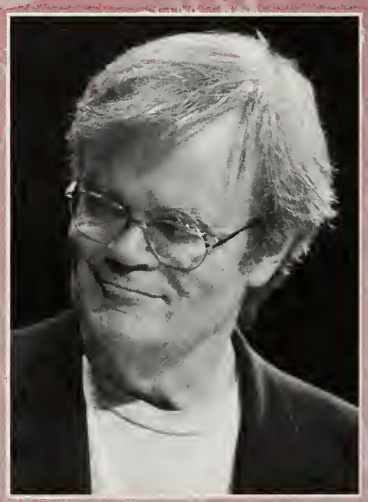
Professor Merrill Receives First J. Christopher Bill Award

Sammy Merrill, distinguished professor of modern foreign languages, has been named MWC's first recipient of the J. Christopher Bill Outstanding Faculty Service Award.

"In his 30 years of service at the College, our awardee has been turned to repeatedly for his thoughtful, honest, careful, caring, open-minded, and often courageous leadership," said Dr. Phillip L. Hall, dean of the faculty, during the award presentation on August 21, 2003. "Whenever such a job comes along, people think first of him because they respect him and trust him above all others. Whenever he has been needed, he has answered the call. And whenever he speaks, people listen."

An endowment that funds the award was established through the generosity of Dr. Bill's former students, colleagues, friends, and members of his family. It recognizes Dr. Bill's extraordinary service as a member of the Mary Washington College teaching faculty from 1972 to 2001. He passed away suddenly in December 2001.

Michael Beschloss



Garrison Keillor

Fredericksburg Forum Announces 2003-2004 Season

Speakers for the 2003-2004 Fredericksburg Forum season have been announced. The series schedule calls for Michael Beschloss, an award-winning historian of the Presidency, to appear Oct. 21, 2003, and author and radio personality Garrison Keillor to be at MWC on March 23, 2004. Each program is held at 8 p.m. in the College's 1,600-seat Dodd Auditorium.

The Fredericksburg Forum, entering its eighth season, was founded by the president of Mary Washington College, Dr. William M. Anderson Jr., and continues to be hosted through the President's Office. Season tickets are available through the Fredericksburg Forum Office at the College by calling (540) 654-1276. All of last year's Fredericksburg Forum programs were sold out.

Fitness Center

The new Fitness Center is really taking shape. The first floor will become home to weight machines and free weights. This floor also has designated spaces for an administrative office, a wellness center with computers, a lounge, a laundry/equipment room, and an equipment maintenance room. Jacks on the wall mark the places where busy students can hook up laptops for Internet access, and there's space for a vending area. The second-floor setup allows students to look down over the spacious first floor while exercising. Six steel bars suspended from the ceiling will soon hold TVs, enabling students exercising on the second floor to connect earphones to stationary bikes and treadmills, and plug into sound-feeds from programs shown on any one of the televsion screens. Along with the treadmills and bikes, the second floor will also house more fitness machines. The much-anticipated new facility is an addition to existing fitness facilities at the College, says John MacDonald, Fitness Center director. Built in 1969, Goolrick will continue to serve as headquarters for the Physical Education Department, and P.E. classes will remain there.

Pacts Guarantee Community College Students Entry Into MWC's BPS Program

For the first time, new direct-transfer agreements explicitly guarantee admission of qualified Lord Fairfax, Northern Virginia and Rappahannock community college graduates into Mary Washington College's bachelor of professional studies (BPS) program.

MWC President William M. Anderson Jr. signed the direct-transfer agreements with Lord Fairfax Community College Interim President Marsal P. Stoll, Northern Virginia Community College President Robert G. Templin Jr., and Rappahannock Community College President Norman H. Scott on July 30, 2003.

"This program I'm hoping is going statewide," Virginia Secretary of Education Belle S. Wheelan said during a ceremony at Mary Washington College's James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County, where the BPS program is offered. "We should be able to provide this opportunity to everyone."

MWC has long given priority to community college graduates who earn the transfer associate degrees — the associate in arts (AA), the associate in science (AS), and the associate in arts and sciences (AA&S) — in keeping with Virginia's longstanding State Policy on College Transfer.

But the new direct-transfer agreements go much further, explicitly ensuring admission to the BPS program for graduates with not only the traditional transfer degrees, but also the associate in applied science (AAS) degree — as long as the students have a 2.0 grade point average or higher.

"These agreements ensure a seamless transition for community college graduates. They give students a clear guarantee that they'll be admitted to the BPS program," said Dr. Martin A. Wilder Jr., MWC's vice president for enrollment. "Students also now have a roadmap of courses they can follow at their community college so they can complete their bachelor's degree as quickly as possible."

The new pacts fulfill the promise of the June 2002 signing of a direct-transfer agreement between Germanna Community College and JMC — a pact that was intended to serve as a model for new agreements between JMC and other community colleges.

For more information about JMC admissions, call (540) 654-1618 or toll-free (800) 468-5614, e-mail jmcadmit@mwc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions Web site at http://www.mwc.edu/adfa/.

University Status

Last spring President Anderson appointed the "College Image and University Name Committee" to make recommendations to him about the College's transition to university status and adoption of a university name. The committee is chaired by former MWC Board of Visitors rector Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70, current president of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association. So far, approximately 100 letters and e-mails have been received by various offices of the College about the move to university status and the adoption of a university name. Printed below are some of the most frequently asked questions, and Ms. Mehfoud's responses.

Q: What is "university" status and why is MWC seeking it?

A: University status will allow the undergraduate Mary Washington College and its James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies in nearby Stafford County to function as a single university, sharing administrative resources yet allowing each campus to flourish as each faculty works to fulfill its unique mission. Unlike the current structure where the MWC mission includes both undergraduate liberal arts education and graduate and professional education, a university structure will ensure that the mission and reputation of each campus remain specific and distinct, with the only overlap occurring at the university level.

Q: What is the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies?

A: JMC opened in 1999 to meet the growing demand for programs for Fredericksburg-area working professionals. The decision to build the campus originated from a request from the Commonwealth of Virginia in the early 1990s asking its public colleges and universities to show how they would accommodate the expected increase in future enrollments. As other colleges and universities planned to expand and braced themselves for this inundation of thousands of undergraduate students, MWC worked on a solution that would allow it to both meet this demand and preserve its charm as a small, selective liberal arts college. Eventually, the College decided to open a separate campus to meet the increasing needs of local non-traditional students, particularly in the area of graduate study, while protecting and preserving the quality of the residential campus in Fredericksburg.

JMC has seen dramatic enrollment increases every year and now it operates at capacity. Currently, nearly 1,000 degree-seeking students are enrolled in JMC programs and nearly 90 MWC diplomas were awarded last May at JMC. With construction starting soon on a second academic building, JMC will be well established in its own right.

Q: Does the decision to add a university name have anything to do with the gender of the College's namesake? Will the name "Mary Washington College" be changed or dropped?

A: No. President Anderson and the College's Board of Visitors have formally stated their commitment to ensuring that the name "Mary Washington College" will forever be used to describe the undergraduate, liberal arts campus in Fredericksburg. The alumni board and others embrace the "Save the Name" effort, and they have been assured that nothing will be done to diminish the visibility and prominence of the Mary Washington College name, now and in the future. If future press stories or e-mails report that a handful of individuals do not like the gender specificity of the MWC name, it is important to remember that this is a fringe viewpoint. It does not represent the mainstream views of those who support the move to university status and adoption of a university name. "Saving" the Mary Washington College name and its gender specificity is at the heart of the university name effort.

Q: What will a diploma from the College say once it is part of a university?

A: The proposed university structure is similar to what existed when the College was known as "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia."

This was the College's name from 1944 to 1972. Students graduating from MWC will have a diploma that reads "Mary Washington College of _____ University." Students graduating from JMC will have a diploma that reads "James Monroe College of _____ University."

Q: How will Mary Washington College decide on a university name?

A: Through the independent research firm STAMATS, the College has conducted focus groups and mailed thousands of surveys to prospective students, current students, alumni, faculty, staff and community leaders. The College Image and University Name Committee, whose 21 members include alumni, faculty, staff, students, Board of Visitors members, foundation board members and community leaders, will study the research throughout the fall and recommend a name to President Anderson in the winter. President Anderson will then present a recommendation for approval to the Board of Visitors. Finally, the General Assembly will vote on the university name.

Q: How can I find updates on the progress of the College Image and University Name Committee?

A: Information about the committee and its progress will be posted at www.mwc.edu/university. Inquiries should be directed to Kathleen S. Mehfoud at university@mwc.edu or the Office of College Relations at (540) 654-1055.

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Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

It's fall, and another academic year is well underway at Mary Washington College. The Class of 2007 has settled into the rhythms of the campus, and our exciting new Alumni Executive Center continues to take shape. If you visit Fredericksburg over the next few months, be sure to drive past the Trench Hill site on Hanover Street and see for yourself how construction is progressing. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the facility will be held in conjunction with Reunion Weekend, which is scheduled for June 4-6, 2004. Even if it's not a reunion year for your class, join us for the celebration and official opening of our new home.

Fall has also brought continued activity in the College's transition to adopting a university name and structure. As I mentioned in the last issue of *MWC Today*, I am pleased to serve as chair of the College Image and University Name Committee, which is charged with preserving the name and character of Mary Washington College. This committee, consisting of alumni, faculty, administrators, students, Board of Visitors members, Foundation board members, and local community leaders, is studying university name suggestions and identifying images that will be associated with the envisioned two-campus university. Please see the article elsewhere in this magazine on "University Status."

I hope that you have become familiar with the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, the College's new campus across the river in Stafford County. This past spring, the James Monroe Center held its first separate commencement ceremony, with 89 degrees awarded. Plans for the second academic building are well underway, and construction will begin soon. The rapid growth in enrollments and programs at the JMC campus signals a need for each campus to have its own identity while operating cooperatively and comprehensively as an institution. Adding a university name will connect the two entities but will allow each to pursue a unique mission. As has been pointed out in recent months, this approach recalls a structure similar to what was in place between 1944 and 1972, when the College was known as "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia."

Mary Washington has also been recognized again by *U.S. News and World Report* in its 2003 edition of *America's Best Colleges*. We are ranked sixth among Southern institutions in the "Best Universities — Master's" category, and second among public master's universities in the South.

I hope you'll agree that these are exciting times for Mary Washington College. Please continue to stay in touch with your alma mater — join us for alumni events in your area, reconnect with your classmates via our online community for alumni, and come back to campus whenever you can to experience firsthand the vitality that abounds at Mary Washington College.

Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70

PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL CLUB
MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE

Members of the MWC President's Travel Club enjoyed their trip to Paris and Provence October 7-18, 2003. Reservations are in progress for the second voyage of the MWC President's Travel Club for May 2004. Titled "Princes and Palaces: Masterpieces of Northern Italy," the trip includes tours around Milan and then a cruise from Cremona to Venice. The President's Travel Club provides an opportunity for President and Mrs. Anderson to host VIP tours as a special program for members of the President's Council. For information on these international excursions, or membership in the President's Council, contact Jeff Rountree '91 at (888) 692-0004 or (540) 654-1024.

Committee to Make Gift Club Recommendations

Gift clubs are a traditional way to recognize supporters of the College. Donor gifts made each fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 are tabulated and categorized for listing in the MWC *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts*. Most of the current gift club classifications have been in place since the 1970s. In May 2003, the Mary Washington College Foundation Board appointed a committee of alumni and friends of the College to re-evaluate the classifications, and to make suggestions for a new gift club to celebrate and support the upcoming centennial celebration. The committee will make recommendations during the December meeting of the MWC Foundation Board. For more information, contact Jeff Rountree '91, vice president for college development, at (540) 654-1024 or jrountre@mwc.edu.

Building on Tradition

As construction of the Alumni Executive Center progresses, the Finishing Committee is finalizing plans for furnishing and decorating the interior. You can help!

Furnishing the interior

Commissioned by MWC, the Richmond-based design firm of Beaty & Brown has formulated specific design themes and furnishing recommendations for the ballroom, boardroom, offices, gathering areas, and the 80-year-old Trench Hill house and guest rooms.

These detailed plans recommend specific antique and fine furniture items of a certain design and proportion.

Finishing the interior

Design plans also call for oil paintings, antique oriental rugs and other fine accessories to complete the elegant interior of the new Center.

Three themes will be used throughout the facility to complement the Georgian Revival architecture of the buildings on campus and to reflect the traditional Virginian countryside.

All finishing items will reflect a sense of history, a sense of community, or a sense of pride. These three themes were selected to represent the nearly 100-year history of Mary Washington College and its ties with students, alumni and the Fredericksburg-area community.

Contributing items for the interior

If you have furnishings or accessories that you would like Beaty & Brown to consider for use in the new Alumni Executive Center, please call the President's Office at (540) 654-1301, send an e-mail to mcorbin@mwc.edu, or visit the Web site at www.mwc.edu/aec.

You will receive a packet of information that includes a list of specific items needed, suggested measurements, and instructions to help you officially submit your item(s) for consideration. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

In its 95-year history, Mary Washington College has awarded nearly 29,000 degrees and more than 1,600 special certificates. Through the years, MWC graduates have applied their knowledge and special skills to make a significant impact on society and the world.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY that can open the door to a future of professional growth and personal fulfillment. Your gift to the 2003-04 Annual Fund campaign is vital to the continued success of the College and all MWC students.

Each year, gifts from alumni, parents, businesses, friends, faculty and staff help supplement the MWC operating budget to cover areas of need not funded by the State. These unrestricted funds are important to help sustain and enhance academic programs and cultural offerings to provide a high-quality educational experience for all students.

A gift to support the 2003-04 Annual Fund campaign will help generations of MWC students achieve their educational goals. **EDUCATION IS THE KEY!**

Please offer your support to help the 2003-04 Annual Fund campaign achieve the $1.2 million goal. For more information, contact the Office of Annual Giving at (888) MWC-0004, (540) 654-1024, or send an e-mail to mwcgift@mwc.edu.

Donna Harter Raab is the director of communications for college advancement.

MWC RANKS SIXTH IN SOUTH AMONG BEST MASTER'S UNIVERSITIES

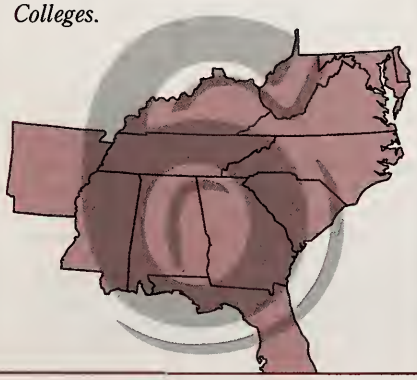
U.S. News and World Report has ranked Mary Washington College sixth among Southern institutions in the "Best Universities — Master's" category in its 2003 edition of *America's Best Colleges*.

The "Best Universities — Master's" category includes institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but few (if any) doctoral programs. Of the 573 universities ranked nationally in this category, 131 are classified as being in the South.

"We are pleased to be ranked as one of the nation's leading universities at the master's level," commented Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for enrollment at the College. "It serves as a confirmation of the quality of our undergraduate liberal arts program and our growing graduate programs at the master's level."

Mary Washington College tied for sixth place with Loyola University of New Orleans and Mercer University in Georgia. First through fifth place were the University of Richmond, Rollins College in Florida, James Madison University, Stetson University in Florida and Samford University in Alabama. The guide also lists Mary Washington College as second among "public" master's universities in the South, and as having the third highest graduation rate among all of the master's universities in the South.

In recent years, Mary Washington College has seen its academic reputation gain national recognition through consistently high rankings in several selective college guidebooks, such as *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, The Fiske Guide to Colleges, The Princeton Review, Barron's Best Buys in Education* and *Peterson's Competitive Colleges*.



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JAMES MONROE CENTER

For Graduate and Professional Studies

Isn't it time for you to consider earning a graduate degree? And what better place to do it than the College you already know and love?

The James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies continues the MWC tradition of high-quality education in a high-tech setting. You'll find the same outstanding faculty, small classes, and individual attention that you remember from your undergraduate days, but with one significant difference — all of our programs are designed for working adults with evening and weekend classes and streamlined schedule.

JMC offers an MBA with five distinct concentrations: general management, organization and human resource development, contracts and procurement management, management technology, and information security. In our graduate education program we offer post-baccalaureate initial teacher licensure and a master of education for practicing teachers. We've recently added an M.Ed. in educational leadership to address the growing need for qualified administrators in our school systems.

More than 20 percent of the graduate students at JMC are MWC grads, and the number increases every term. We hope you'll consider joining them.

For more information contact:
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MICROFILMING *THE BULLET*

Simpson Library, through the Library of Virginia, plans to microfilm the MWC student newspaper, *The Bullet*, dating from 1922-present. Future plans include digitizing the newspaper. To complete the collection, please donate any personal copies (dating before 1990) to:

Simpson Library
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Questions? E-mail dhudgins@mwc.edu or phone: (540) 654-1762.

Class Notes

Devil and Goat Notes

1931

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1933

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Alma Murchison
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1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
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Ruby Lee Norris writes on gardening and features for *Pleasant Living* magazine, a regional publication for the Rappahannock area. She is on the Mary Washington Foundation Board, and is serving her third term on the alumni board. Her college roommate, **Audrey Davies Smith**, and "little sister" **"Mike" Boswell Rothery** '38, and Ruby Lee live within eight miles of one another and frequently meet to watch the sunsets.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner died in May 2002, following a stroke. Her daughter wrote me a lovely letter. She was so loyal to our class and sent me news throughout the years. We will miss her.

Mary Todd Clark '22, died in January 2001 at the age of 99. She taught at Wythe Elementary School, Hampton, Va., for 42 years before retiring in 1967.

Harriet Bruce Rhodes has also died. After our 50th reunion in 1986, she sent me a long paper chain with each link representing the years I have been class agent. That was a well-attended reunion.

I telephoned **Mary Alice Turman Carper** and wondered why I had not heard from her at Christmas. She and her sister, **Lillie Turman**, are as well as can be expected.

We are sad to report the passing of **"Cassie" Brown Simpson**. She had gone to live with her great-great niece in Maryland. She shall be missed. **Edna Harley Sickels**' daughter is director of social services in Avondale, a city just a reasonable commute south of Sun City, Ariz. Her two cats and Edna's get along happily together.

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin now has two great-grandsons. She wrote me to enjoy the beautiful spring season and to have a joyful Easter. **Dorothy McGuire Bunch** lives in Norfolk. She, my son and I plan to have lunch together soon. **Vernie Blankenship Knight** sent me an article from *The Washington Post Magazine* stating, "Its strong academic reputation and low price tag as a state school have made Mary Washington College a rising star."

For Christmas, I had 13 members (out of 14) here. For Easter, eight of us filled a pew at my church. Excuse me, please, for not remembering to send in any news for the last issue of *MWC Today*. So, fellow classmates, how about sending me some news for the next issue?

1937

Elizabeth Haley Glass
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Rebecca Silver Witter
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1939

We need a volunteer to serve as class agent. Please call the alumni office at (540) 654-1011.

1942

A. Isabel Gordon Swift
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1943

Lee Hall Archer
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From Frances Wills Stevens:

I am sorry that I was not able to be present at the 60th reunion. My husband has had two slight strokes. I am fortunate to have him at home. However, that means that I'm chief cook, bottle-washer and chauffeur.

I had a beautiful surprise about a year ago — a Christmas note from Dick Logan telling me that he and **Anne Dennis Ryan** were married the day after Thanksgiving 2002 at his daughter's home in Phoenix. Dick wrote, "I have always had a strong attraction for the women of Mary Washington College Class of 1943, because they know what they are about — they treasure home and family. It's not surprising that I would fall for another wonderful lady of that class." Thank you for such a compliment! We wish you many happy years.

Margaret "Peggy" Draper Eckenrode wrote, "Remember when the College Station post office was opened? Before that, we were served by a small post office at one corner of Chandler Hall. Many changes since! If any of you come to Australia, the number for Adelaide is 08. If you are in Adelaide, the number is 8296-4543. Do call!"

1944

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Greetings Class of '44! Here I am again to pass along some news that has been sent to me by your friends of long ago. Do you realize that exactly a year from now we will be thinking about our return to MWC for our 60th reunion? So, when you get your 2004 calendar, make sure you make a big red circle around June 4-6 2004.

We have another author in our class besides **Merle Updike Davis**. **Mary L. McCormick** has transcribed the diaries written during the War Between the States, 1861-1865, by her grandfather, the Rev. John Hemphill Simpson, who was a chaplain for his regiment in the Confederate Army. The title of the book is *Echoes of Mercy — Whispers of Love — Diaries of John Hemphill Simpson*. Congratulations, Mary, on undertaking this big project and completing it.

Merle has been busy doing readings at bookstores, clubs, libraries, churches, schools and at social work and professional groups. *Ties Across Time* is a woman's story of our times. President Anderson is going to take a copy of Merle's book on the MWC cruise down the Rhone River in September. She hopes you will order it directly from Barnes and Noble.

I received a great, long, enjoyable letter from **Jessica Stoner Borgognoni**, who was at MWC for two years and then transferred because her aunt, who was her legal guardian, wanted her to be closer to home and her younger brother and sister. She earned her B.A. degree from Chattanooga, Tenn. She married and has three smart, handsome and sweet sons, who gave her two wonderful grandsons. She and her husband have traveled all over the world as she worked with the airlines. They saw many interesting and exotic places that were also very educational. Over the years, she took classes at the U. of Alabama, and she also volunteered there. Now she is trying to work on the family genealogy while she can still remember! She has kept up with her roommates over the years.

Rebecca Engleman Russell has no immediate travel plans on her schedule, but she is thankful to have stayed well and busy right where she is. Her granddaughter has enjoyed her first years at MWC and has no complaints.

Cena Carswell lives in Oregon and enjoys all the scenery. She and her husband spent a week in Branson, Mo., and enjoyed it very much. They beat the summer mobs by going early. Cena thanked me for being the news gatherer and relaying all the news to everyone by way of *MWC Today*.

Jayne Anderson Bell enjoyed reading our last column so felt she must write this time herself. She has had some health problems as well as a rear-end auto accident. She and her housemate suffered some injuries, but as she said, "We are thankful to walk out of that valley and rejoice in God's splendor and our reasonably good health again." Jayne continues to enjoy having her daughter and family nearby. Her grandchildren are in college and doing well. The older girl graduated from Furman in the spring, and the boy is a freshman at Clemson U. in South Carolina. The children have adjusted to life in the United States and are doing quite well considering that they lived in Glasgow, Scotland, for 16 years.

Jean Adie Mogavero lost her son-in-law to a sudden heart attack that upset everyone, especially their son, who graduated this spring. Jean hears from her roommate, **Anne Benner Gee**, who lives in Iowa. Anne stays on the go with her family's activities. Anne came east last fall to visit her family in Warrenton, Va. They went to Fredericksburg for a day and enjoyed a tour of MWC, where she met President Anderson, which had been arranged by **Arabelle Laws Arrington** '41. She enjoyed seeing all the new

buildings and, of course, the beautiful campus. Anne says all of us should be very proud of MWC for all it has accomplished in so many different areas since we were students there. Three cheers for MWC!

Marjorie Martell Balius in Mississippi wrote that her husband and son have a charter fishing-boat business on the beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast, and this keeps everybody busy. She and Al celebrated their 57th anniversary this spring. They have been blessed with fairly good health and stay busy. They enjoyed a nice visit from an old college roommate, **Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre**. They had a wonderful time catching up on everything.

Elizabeth Helvestine Schmidt hit the big 80 this year. Her three sons and their wives and nine grandchildren gave her a surprise party and dinner. Sixty-eight friends attended. She also received cards and notes from many MWC friends.

Elizabeth Phillips Roe's husband, Bill, had his 60th anniversary of graduation from college this spring. They were looking forward to hosting some of their classmates. Libby finished her note by saying, "God Bless America and our servicemen and their families!"

Carolyn Watts Quigley and her husband were planning a trip to Scarsdale, N.Y., to visit their son. Then they went to a seminar at Trinity Church featuring the Archbishop of Canterbury. One Sunday in December at their church the pastor began his sermon with, "Here we go again!" Carolyn wonders how many of you remember December 7, 1941, at MWC. She says their grandson is in the Persian Gulf. By the time you read this, Carolyn, I hope he will be back home safe and sound.

Marie Kennedy Robins said the only thing new with her is her left hip. She had it replaced in December 2002. It is worth the long rehabilitation to be able to walk again without pain. Keep up the exercises, Marie.

Frances Tracy has seen over a dozen missionaries this year. Some have retired from their fields; others are still active in various countries. It is a big thrill to meet one another again. She said the joy of her heart is the ladies Bible class of Willow Valley. She is one of five teachers of the class and thoroughly enjoys all the time she takes in preparation and study. What a gift she would bring to any church.

Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy wrote of ups and downs. The biggest down was the death of her sister, Birdie. But then there were good things. She made trips to Reno and Seattle. She celebrated her birthday with all her children. Then, her oldest son gave her a computer. She is still learning, but at least she is becoming computer literate. Otherwise, she stays busy with bridge, basketball games, swimming, reading, symphony and the Heritage Commission at UTEP.

June Scott Thompson said digging out of the snow occupied a lot of her time last winter, but since spring has sprung, they are putting their energies into cutting back ivy and clearing out other debris. This allowed room for a large array of various daffodils. In early spring, June attended a knitting retreat, learned some new skills and met some very talented young women. Now, her sons want their parents to think of a special way to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this year.

Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris was in Florida when I heard from her, but she should be back at home in Delaware by now. I think Florida was too cold for her last winter. I think it was too cold for everyone!

Elizabeth Cumby Murray writes a great letter. They are a close-knit family. With children and grandchildren, it must be a full house on holidays. Elizabeth stays busy with the garden club and plays a lot of bridge. Husband Phil is still on the advisory board of Pacific Bank and is an avid reader.

Anna Roberts Ware had a problem with the snow getting in the way of all her meetings this past winter. When she first wrote me, she was supposed to be a docent at the Historical Centreville House because the Art League was to have a big "Shop in Centreville Day." I have an idea that the meeting got cancelled. The next time she wrote, she had shocking news. Her son, Bert, had passed away suddenly of aspiration pneumonia. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Nancy Gravatt Tucker and her husband, Edward, were both in the hospital this year. Sadly, Edward later passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Virginia Pumphrey Webb wrote about the changes in her area of South Carolina. Where there were houses, it is now all commercial. And then she told me that Rosie joined their household recently. As you might guess, Rosie, a long-haired cat, was passed on to Virginia from a neighbor.

Bertha McPhail Johnson fell and broke her hip. When I heard from her, she was walking with a cane and having water therapy several days each week. She sees **Martha Scott Rogers** and her husband about twice a year and keeps in touch with **Emelia-Louise Kilby**. She says Emmy is always upbeat.

Virginia Hawley Butler is thoroughly enjoying her two great-grandsons. They are 2 and 3 years old. Virginia and six of her friends took their usual theater trip to New York in early December to see "Oklahoma" again. Virginia went on a bus trip to the Amish Country in Ohio in early summer 2003. Then she visited her sister, **Helen Hawley Turner**, who lives in Wilmington, Del.

Ruth Gubler Kluge started her note by thanking me for always making the Class of '44 the best part of *MWC Today*! She was pleased to be able to spend some happy days with Merle Updike Davis and her husband in their home high in the Berkeley Hills. They had wonderful walks, entertained friends and were even able to enjoy sunning and swimming at an outdoor pool.

Virginia Morgan Kline's big news was having her grandson and his mother and father visit them from California. He is a freshman at a college in California. Ginny and her husband, Ed, heard five symphony concerts at the Kennedy Center in March. Phew! She is still in therapy for shoulder surgery and is getting better.

Marjorie Wheatley Jenkins and her husband have lived in Maryland, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois since graduation. So she hasn't kept up with many classmates. Their three sons graduated from Cornell, U. of Illinois and Roosevelt. Now she has grandsons at the U. of Maryland and U. of Arizona.

Florence Rose Leidy really brought back memories when she talked about being a "townie" back in 1944 and then living in Cornell dormitory. She said it was hard adjusting to college life once she arrived on campus. Everyone had already made their friends. She also mentioned that **Margaret Johnson Malmstedt** passed away. She and her husband were in the real estate business in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Theodora Nickerson Burson said that she has not been off Cape Cod since a year ago. All her time is taken at doctors' offices and buying prescription drugs. She loves to read and work crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She still has her meetings to attend and is doing the necessary household chores such as laundry and shopping. She did want me to make one correction on our last column. I said her son was from Arkansas, and he really lives in Alaska. He works for the National Park Service at Denali. I would love that kind of job, Thea!

Ruth Samuel Legnini's husband, Rom, passed away early this year. He had not been well for about five years. He was almost 89 years of age, and they had been married 60 years. Sammie remembered way back when we were seniors and World War II filled our thoughts. She remembers the dramatic moments in the dining hall when Mrs. Bushnell would speak about the war. Sammie especially remembers on Valentine's Day when Mrs. Bushnell described so eloquently how Rom had managed to have red roses sent to her even though he was in England and waiting for D-day. Sammie said she didn't even know Mrs. B. was talking about her until the end of her program.

Christine Hall Herndon described the redesign of her yard: took out old plants, moved others, new paving stones to section-off beds, nailed up trellises. In the Texas heat, with the help of a neighbor master gardener, they spent days working and "It looks wonderful," she said. Trips to Portugal, Spain and Morocco were canceled because of war. She went to Costa Rica in June. Her daughter met them in Las Vegas in June when they went to the Air Force reunion. Also in June, Christine celebrated her 59th anniversary and asked, "Where did all the years go?" We know what you mean, Christine.

Nancy Duval Andrews had difficult health problems last fall and winter, but that is "all behind her" now. She is now in an assisted-living home called Morningside at Bellgrade, and she said she is very comfortable. Nancy says she has the most recent figures on our Class of '44 Scholarship Fund. We have a grand total of $219,867. We disburse interest only to the students on scholarship. We supported five students this year. Nancy was to have had lunch with them in early May, but I haven't heard from her as yet. She would like to challenge our class to raise that total to $250,000 by our 60th reunion.

Elizabeth "Jean" Wade Otte moved in July from her home of many years to a new retirement community in Silver Spring, Md., called Riderwood. She also said it is unbelievable that next year we will be celebrating our 60th reunion. None of us can believe it, Jean.

As for me, I am always busy and feel that I accomplish quite a bit for an 80-something lady. I go out to lunch occasionally with my friends, and the children and grandchildren have been great about visiting us here at home. That is always a treat for me! I joined with a group of friends from Twinbrook Baptist Church, and we traveled to George Mason U. at the Patriot Center, where we saw a four-hour performance of the Bill Gaither Show. We sang many old hymns — it was great!

God bless you and much love, good health and peace to all.

1945

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As your class agent, I eagerly wait to hear from you, my classmates. Although we are retired, our interests have changed and many years have passed since our MWC days, it is important that we keep in touch.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick continue their favorite means of travel, cruising on small ships. In January, they spent two weeks sailing around the American and British Virgin Islands, and they were looking forward to cruising on Lake Superior later in the year, which will

complete their voyages on the Great Lakes. Betsy and Dick have experienced some health problems. Recovery from surgery has been slow for Betsy. Having their daughter and her family live with them has been a great help with Dick's Alzheimer's. He still likes to travel and have company; he is helpful around the house and maintains his caring qualities, so Betsy and Dick are thankful for this and feel blessed.

Elinor McClellan DeCamp's John is in a nursing home following a long illness with multiple health problems, which has significantly changed their lives. They are selling their home in Phoenix, where they have wintered for many years. A new addition to the family, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Max, helps relieve the stress McClellan is experiencing. He greets her and supplies lots of love when she returns home from visiting John. With McClellan's strong faith and character, as well as the support of her son's family and friends, she is able to cope, but each day is a challenge.

I think **Lyra Pittman**'s short, to-the-point response for news is classic — "A year older, everything else is the same."

Among **Virginia Ricker Hall**'s activities last year were a hot-air balloon ride in Albuquerque; attending the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, which she describes as very beautiful; a rail trip in British Columbia; and sailing down the Mississippi on the *Mississippi Queen*. "Fifty is the magic number," she wrote. "I have lived in my home 50 years, have been married 56 years, volunteered for the Red Cross at the Naval Hospital in San Diego 50 years."

Lillian King Everett is another on-the-go classmate. In April, she experienced the Shades of Ireland tour, traveling with other retirees. They traveled to Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Stone, Dublin and London, where they saw "Mamma Mia." Beautiful weather with the flower gardens in full bloom all added up to a fantastic trip.

Ruth Smith Hargrave sent sad news of her husband's death in June 2002. Ruth was fortunate to have great family support; her granddaughter, who attends graduate school at the U. of Florida, lives with her. Once again, Ruth emphasized, "I owe so much to the professors at MWC. Each one took me under his/her wing and helped me to graduate." Ruth's hope is that she will be able to visit the College again. We extend our deepest sympathy to Ruth.

The year 2002 was one of ups and downs for **Hilda Chrisman Pendleton** and Willard. Willard's older sister, Hilda's oldest brother, as well as seven of their best friends, all passed away. Thankfully, there were happy times: visiting family, friends and traveling. She keeps in touch with **Catherine Husted Perkins** '44, **Betty Cornett Wasson**, and **Ginny Lamberth Edwards**, whom she met for lunch in Williamsburg last fall. Spending time with their children and two grandchildren, cruises on the Caribbean, working outside when health and weather permit and church activities provide much pleasure for them. Hilda is thankful for their many blessings.

Grace Bailey Lindner continues her volunteer work at the Collegiate School library, which Carl says keeps her out of pool halls. She and Carl both devote time to the Salvation Army and give tours at historic Wilton, where both George Washington and Lafayette were guests of the Randolphs. Grace and Carl's two sons live in Smithfield, close enough that the three families can visit and spend quality family time together.

Time does not stand still for **Christine Brauer Krausse**, as she enjoys her ever-growing family of great-grandchildren. She is especially proud of her grandson's wife, who became a doctor in May and started her internship in child psychiatry. Chris arranges bus trips for her church and works on the annual German dinner in her church. She and Spott are very involved with church affairs, friends and family fun times.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor and Wally resumed their annual trips south last winter following Wally's illness, which resulted in hospital confinement and many tests. Fortunately, medication has taken care of the problem, and Skip and Wally were able to travel to both daughters' homes on Christmas Day, then in February go to their favorite vacation spot, Siesta Key in Florida. They both participate in many activities: water aerobics, water walking, golf, volleyball, and entertaining at Cartmel, their retirement community.

Mary Lou Conover Miller sent a picture of her family, all 14 dressed in red shirts, celebrating Bob's 80th birthday. They rented a house and spent a great week together. Mary Lou says, "Life goes on with house guests lined up for weeks, spending time with our daughter, whose heart condition is improving, nursing Bob's bad back, etc." Mary Lou and Bob tutor second-graders in reading, and they play bridge twice a week. Last summer they spent time in Rehoboth, Del. Mary Lou and Bob are happy they moved to the desert, and their time is well-spent and rewarding.

A letter from **Mary Alice Robbins Weimer**'s son gives an interesting review of Mary's full and interesting life since her MWC days. Following her 1943 marriage to Charles Irvin Weimer, a Fredericksburg police officer, they established a successful construction business in Fredericksburg, in which she worked as office manager. Following their retirement, Mary's time and energy were devoted to their son's entering the restaurant business in the downtown area, where he opened and ran two successful restaurants. Charles III writes that he is both happy and sad that both parents reside at Heartfields Assisted Living in Falmouth, Va., his mother being far into Alzheimer's and his father needing assistance and controlled care. He would appreciate communication or visits with his parents. The address is: 20 Heartfields Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger were looking forward to Rog's annual reunion of the 517 Parachute Division in Oklahoma City in June. When I talked to Gloria, she was busy preparing to entertain the Tuesday reading club in her home; the mayor of Tyler was expected to attend and install the officers. Gloria is very active in her church's missionary society and the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, in which she has been an active member for many years. Already, Gloria is talking about and looking forward to our 60th reunion in 2005.

Mildred "Pat" Savedge wrote from the Newport News Baptist Retirement Community, now named The Chesapeake, where she has resided for many years. Her address now has to include her apartment number, 2020. Two other MWC ladies live there: **Shirley Bortner Boyce** '41 and **Annie Patterson Gardner** '47. I quote Pat, "I'm still the same person. I don't consider myself old as yet, but I'm getting there fast. Every month I add another 'decrepity,' if I can be so bold as to coin a new word." Pat gave me my laugh of the day apologizing for her typing saying, "I use only two fingers, and one has a hangnail." Pat still has her keen sense of humor.

Marjorie "Jerse" Storms Reddoch and Rusty celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in June. Last summer they traveled to Iceland, taking their grandson with them. He described it as a unique adventure, swimming in the Blue Lagoon's 83-degree geyser water, then running to the bathhouse in 43-degree Arctic temperature. On their way north they visited the MWC campus, where they saw the N.J. (Jerse's home state) State Seal on the first floor of Monroe Hall. They included a stop at the Quantico Marine Museum and the U. of Virginia, all having special meaning to the family. Health permitting, Jerse and Rusty will attend the annual K Co. 3rd Marine Division reunion in Cleveland, Ohio, in September. Jerse loves company and urges her friends that are in the area of Tarpon Springs, Fla., famous for its sponge docks and Mediterranean cuisine, to phone her.

News from Puerto Rico comes from **Provi Keelan Piovanetti**, whose musical family is a source of great pride and joy. Her grandson, Alfonso, a Yale student studying abroad, plays the cello; Juliana is an accomplished pianist; and a younger grandson is a violinist. Their talent is outstanding and performances professional. Last fall, Provi and her pediatrician husband attended a medical convention in Spain and extended their trip to visit their son-in-law's family in beautiful northern Spain. Provi and Simon's daughter practices pediatric medicine with her father. Last winter, **Gladys Cebollero Ambroust** '46, who lives in Brazil, visited Provi, and each winter she looks forward to her childhood friend and classmate at MWC, **Maria Rodriguez** '46, spending the winter months in her Condado penthouse. Social clubs and charitable work keep Provi busy.

Nancy Aitcheson Taylor and Bill continue to enjoy visits with friends and puttering around their home and yard. They get together with **Doris Lanham Einbinder** and Jack frequently and are fortunate to have most of their kids and grandkids within a half hour's drive from them. Their children's travel is noteworthy. Their son, Bill, is in Kabul, Afghanistan, assisting with the reconstruction efforts. He and his son met in Morocco for a trek through the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara Desert. Dave has returned from a three-week tour through China doing research on a book on the history and international trade of ginseng. Kathy has completed months of chemo and radiation treatments for breast cancer. The family is extremely thankful to the team of doctors for a strong recovery and favorable diagnosis. The rest of the 19 young-uns are well and happy, and that keeps Nancy and Bill the same.

A letter from Doris Lanham Einbinder stated that her mother died in January. She was soon to have her 106th birthday. Doris' husband, Jack, is doing very well, all cancer resting since May 2002, and he is now enjoying his golf game following a very cold, disagreeable winter.

In May, **Elizabeth "Liz" Goffigon Jonns** lost her husband, Lawrence, who had been in bad health for quite some time. We send Liz our heartfelt sympathy.

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Many thanks to all of you who sent condolences on the death of my husband, and especially to **Mim Riggs Gay**, who was kind enough to let many of you know. He died in December 2002 of complications from a broken hip. Your kind words of sympathy and support were a great help to my family and me. For that, my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Speaking of Mim, **Gurleen Verlander Jones** sent me a copy of the "Prestwould Post," a publication of the apartment complex where Mim lives. The writer in a two-page article tells all about our inimitable, charming classmate. In fact, that is the title of the piece, "Miriam Gay Charms Us All." The article states, "Miriam has been spoken about in glowing terms by so many people in the building, longtime residents and new-

comers alike, that she could easily be mentioned in every issue of the "Prestwould Post.'" The article ends: "A gracious and generous lady — and a wit to boot!" But we knew that!

Ann Briesmaster Robertson has been an absolute doll in sending me news of classmates. She and **Anne Ross Parks** attended a wine and cheese party at Indian Creek Retirement Facility in Kilmarnock and said alumni of all ages from the Northern Neck were present. She also told about **Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe**'s difficulty with an arm infection. I later talked to Liz and found she had been hospitalized for three weeks with the infection. Strangely enough, I had a similar incident, though not as extensive. So we shared our medical miseries. Liz's arm is almost healed, and all is well.

Ann hopes to get together soon with **Kate James Duval** for lunch. Also, Ann has reconnected with an old friend she hasn't seen for 60 years. Their paths hadn't crossed in all those years until she sent a card when his wife passed away. He found her number on the Internet, and now they are enjoying some dinner dates.

A nice chat with **Mildred Lamberth Chamberlain** in San Diego revealed that she's enjoying life and is still active in the California Retired Teacher's Association. She visited Virginia last year and met with her three sisters, two of whom went to MWC. Next I talked to Mildred's roommate, **Elaine Jouard Collins** in Hawaii. Other than a broken wrist from a bad fall, she is fine and sends her "aloha to everyone."

A note from **Lynn Bennett Blackwell**'s sister, **Virginia Bennett Skillman**'42, informed me that Lynn's name should be added to the "In Memoriam" section. I thought of Lynn at our 20th reunion when we all went to the local hotel after graduation with the president and we had drinks. In Fredericksburg? With the president? We were stunned. My, how things had changed. Well, fond memories of lovely Lynn.

Elaine "Sally" Heritage Jordan was in Wallingford last November for the baptism of her sister's grandson. Unfortunately, because of time constraints, we missed each other. She has received notes of thanks from scholarship recipients of our class scholarship fund. Sally was class coordinator when we set up the fund at our first reunion.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner heard from **Lillie Turman**'s sister to inform her that Miss Lillie had a bad fall and was moved to a special home in Wilmington, N.C. Her mailing address is Port City Plantation, 2744 South 17th St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Vivian "Wilkie" Wilkerson enjoyed a week's vacation in the Massanutten Mountains and is looking forward to her 45th medical school reunion. My roommate, **Helen "Jerry" Rasmussen Wallace**, wants everyone to know she is still "alive and kicking."

A funny thing happened as I was preparing this column. I called several numbers and left messages on the answering machines. Apparently, I was calling the wrong numbers. When I finally connected, I got a "Sorry, wrong number." Confused, I explained and found myself talking to **Dorothy Lyons Miller**. So if you find strange messages on your machine, it was I. I did learn that there was a mini-reunion last November at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Also attending were **Mildred "Mickey" Dixon Sullivan**, Mim Riggs Gay, **Janice Worsley Mayberry**, **Betty Loftis Bailey**, **Lois Davis Minetree**, **Elizabeth "Libba" Harrison Leitch**, and **Sally Scott**. At this writing, Janice is headed to Johnson City, Tenn., to attend the high-school graduation of one of her grandsons.

Josephine Sorensen Barker is still president of Performing Arts Association of Linthicum. This is her sixth year, and she has been elected to another two-year term. She is also doing Concerts in the Park for her community, and this will be her 17th year. She wrote, "I was a church organist for 25 years until my arthritis got the best of my fingers. So these are the ways I continue my love of music."

Joan Rosenthal Jessen is leading a busy life. She wrote, "Most of my activities are concerned with improving and protecting our water resources. Just wrapped up the eighth Washington County Children's Groundwater Festival held on May 14. I co-chaired the event. This year we had 1,200 sixth-graders from 10 public and parochial schools. Before that, I completed my work as a project manager for a river conservation plan on a major watershed in Washington County. This is the first time I have gone through the process of hiring and working with a consultant. The project was financed by a state grant to the Alliance for Chartiers Creek Watershed Association, a member of the Alliance. I am also a member of the Alliance." In addition, "I was surprised and thrilled to receive the Groundwater Foundation's Edith Stevens Award as Groundwater Educator of the Year. I am also still active with The League of Women Voters and with Missions Abroad at my church." She and Jess have had several nice trips including Spain, Portugal and the island of Malta, where they saw Neolithic temples that were older than Stonehenge and the pyramids of Egypt.

Muriel Duncan Arey has two great-granddaughters, Olivia Grace Christie, born in 2002, and Maja Emily Paulk, born in 2003. Wonderful news, but "How did I get so old so soon?" she wants to know.

More good news. Dr. and Mrs. Whidden, who live in Norfolk, Conn., are both doing fine and are as sharp as ever, according to the local librarian.

Barbara Keller O'Brien '48 saw my e-mail address in *MWC Today* and contacted me. We've been e-mailing each other practically every other day about our daily doings — gardening (the deer are eating her blossoms), animals, daily joys and aggravations. It's great — and to think we haven't seen each other since 1947!

Receiving letters, talking to everyone and writing this column — what a pleasant trip down memory lane. Thank heaven for those phone cards! So collect your tidbits for the next column.

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A sunny (as well as rainy) day cast beautiful light over our lovely campus on May 31. The buildings seemed power-washed, even more gracious than I had remembered, and I thought how well they had aged, and how they were such an integral part of our own aging. The 20 or so of us who were there reviewed much of the past and present.

Lois Saunier Hornsby did a lot of groundwork to make our 55th reunion happen and presided in a beautiful manner. She told me about her involvement in the development of a botanical garden for Williamsburg, plans still in a conceptual stage. Her board position with the Shakespeare Festival gave her reason to mention that Glenn Close will be the honorary chair for that celebration this summer in Williamsburg. Lois continues to amaze, now a board member of the Kiwanis Club there, and recently selected as the Most Gracious Community Activist for her decades of work in education and social services.

With her attractive daughter, Dawn, **Helen Singleton Darfus** came from Nachitoches, La., for the reunion. Helen has restored a mansion in the historic section of the town and runs it as a B&B, The Parsonage. She mentioned that both she and **Jeanne Reifsnyder Wiseman** had married Naval Academy classmates. From Fredericksburg, Helen and Dawn were headed to D.C. to visit **Dot Vanderslice Fenwick** and thence to NYC, if Helen's strength holds out.

As the wife of an agent with the Naval Investigative Service, **Jane Marshall Oulahan** has spent much of her married life abroad, including five years in the UK, several in the Philippines, and now has retired to Chesapeake, Va. She spends every September in North Haven, Maine, an island off the coast of Rockland.

Muriel Harmon Lake is a trip-planner for her church group called The High Flyers. She has taken them to Dollywood and is now working out details for a Branson excursion. She has 10 grandchildren and a 6-month-old "great-grand!" Her sister-in-law, Dot Conley, accompanied her on the long drive from South Carolina.

"Happy as a clam," **Elizabeth "Ashby" Griffin Mitchell** has not changed a bit in looks or personality. She has the same positive, friendly and down-to-earth manner and is quick to smile. She and Jake go out every weekend but are no longer world travelers. Her grandson was a U.S. Senate page this summer and was mandated to equip himself with two suits, dark socks and black shoes.

After 52 years with a farm implement business, **Lorraine Mock** has taken several trips with **Gerry White** to such places as Nova Scotia and Mackinac Island. She has been slowed down somewhat by a broken hip and shoulder. Both she and Gerry are active in their churches, and Gerry, after many years as a teacher, has become a book buddy in a local school in Charlottesville.

Meeting Lorraine and Gerry for reunion, **Emily Lynch Fairchild** came down from Little Egg Harbor, N.J., which is on the ocean. She and Charlie have three children, who come to visit with their families each summer. **Virginia Wilson Monroe** had planned to join the threesome but had recently broken her hip and had to cancel.

Always involved in many projects, **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett** was on the run during reunion weekend, so we caught only a glimpse of her. She was a vital part of the staging of the celebration of the 275th birthday of Historic Falmouth and Fredericksburg, responsible for bringing in artists and craftsmen for the weekend-long festival. Sandy's mother, Ruth Graves, widow of former faculty member Boyd Graves, passed away at age 99, the day before the birthday party Sandy had planned for her. The party turned into a lovely and loving memorial service for Mrs. Graves.

Barham Dodson accompanied his wife, **Martha Warriner Dodson**, who told us he was a man of many careers, having been a pharmacist, a dentist, a hypnotist and now a hairdresser, as he does a great job on her coiffure. Barham was one of the first dentists in the country to extract teeth while the patient was under hypnosis.

The first week in June found **Jane McCullough Smallwood** participating in the National Senior Olympics Games' tennis singles in Newport News. She was named Silver Life Master (1,000 points) in the Richmond ACBL recently. Last spring, she and her husband made their first trans-Atlantic crossing by ship from Miami to the Mediterranean, calling in ports of Spain and France.

A rotator cuff operation did not keep **Lillian Lauer Marshall** from the reunion. In fact, she drove herself from Northern Virginia. All of her family live near her except for a 39-year-old son that moved to New Hampshire and was married there this summer. Among others in attendance were **Carol Byrd Williamson** and **Sarah Armstrong Worman**. It being Byrd's birthday, and **Adrienne Murray Dyett**'s, we sang to them. Byrd has sold her beach property and has bought a condo in Chesapeake near her birthplace. She still lives across the way from Sarah in Charlottesville. Sarah was our class fund-raiser this year and had fantastic response from our class. She sends her sincere thanks for helping us reach our goal. From reunion she flew to Dayton for her granddaughter's graduation. Elizabeth will enroll in Case Western next year, and Philip will be in his second year at Annapolis, having already become, as a plebe, a varsity baseball team member.

Volunteer work and a husband with difficulty walking fill **Byrd Stone Helguera**'s time. She is a very enthusiastic person, interested in jazz and particularly involved at Vanderbilt U. as curriculum chair of the retirement learning program and on the board of an AIDS-related organization.

Ann Scott has finally finished renovating her newly purchased Florida home and will spend much of the summer doing the same at her home at Sag Harbor. **Ruth Sargent Campbell** was widowed last year while she and her husband were summering in their New Hampshire home. She now lives in Florida, with one son in Georgia and two in Maryland. She, **Marjorie Johnson Walter**, and **Elva Welday Newdome** came together, as did **Mildred Reed Thomas** and **Mabs Royar Loflin**. A visit to Exuma was the highlight of Mabs' winter. Their daughter and family live there on a sailing vessel.

Already making plans to attend our 60th, **Charlotte Smith Hill** had to forego MWC's reunion this year as her husband had the same celebration at William and Mary. She wrote of a memorable trip last year to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration in Montana, the Glacier National Park, the Banff National Park in Canada, and a week of roughing it in a cabin in Yellowstone.

Helen Jean Clark Haynie '49 wrote from Lively, Va., that having been recently widowed, she stays in close contact with her two sons. She has kept in touch through the years with **Henriette Copes Ford** of Lynchburg.

A very touching report of the December death of **Virginia Spickard Manson**'s husband came, along with happier news regarding her four fine children and their families. One daughter has been living in the Persian Gulf area for 10 years as part of the Frontiers Program, but has now returned to the States.

Natalie Klein, a retired teacher living in Falls Church, Va., wrote of attending the funeral of her senior year roommate, **Doris Mingin Oakes**. Doris was a lifelong resident of Medford, N.J., and is survived by her husband and two daughters.

A beautiful description of a month-long Caribbean cruise aboard the *Royal Princess* was sent by **Anne Williams Cordes**. Her trip started November 11 in Seattle, thence across country to Ft. Lauderdale for Thanksgiving, and finally set sail for Aruba, the Panama Canal, Costa Rica and Mexico. An 11,000-mile trip ended with a stop in California and home in time for Christmas.

Helen Lowe Eliason, widowed, keeping busy and enjoying the Brandywine Valley, is hoping MWC friends will write her.

With a granddaughter graduating from Colby on our reunion weekend, **Pat Mcguire Bilodeau** sent her regrets. A granddaughter teaching in France has been accepted into Middlebury College grad school, and yet another was to be married in August. Much to celebrate. **Miriam "Whickey" Whitley Knight** had planned to join us, but at the very last minute a family situation prevented her coming.

Norvell Millner Hodges has recently become Mrs. Clay Thomson, married to a wonderful man she has known for 43 years. I hear Lynchburg is having a grand time going to parties for them. All happiness to you, Norvell!

Ruth Gilmer Huettel had a fine visit with **Emillie "Millie" Taylor Wilson**, who now lives in Wytheville. Ruth was making plans to have a get-together for Millie, **Phyllis Cassell Rogers** and **Betty Meade Thornton**.

Anne Barnes Baugh just keeps on truckin'! This time she has been on a 26-day trip to Thailand, Cambodia, Burma and Vietnam. The Overseas Adventure Tour was quite strenuous but terrific.

As for me, I have been re-appointed to the exalted position of class agent! I appeal to you to help me get the job done, so please send me your news and views. You may notice that I now have a new address, having moved nearer town and the friends and activities that I so enjoy. It is always a pleasure to hear from you, and I wish more of you could have been with us this past weekend.

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With sorrow, we must report the passing of two more classmates. Word came belatedly that **Jane "Anna" Dunkley McClure** died in Alva, Okla., last fall. She was with us for freshman and sophomore years, transferred elsewhere for junior year and returned to complete senior year with our class.

Thanks to dear **Elva Tate Hasher**, we learned of the loss of **Jean Butler Lancaster** of Richmond in March. Jean taught school in Arlington and Henrico County, Va., retiring in 1986. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Morton, their four children, seven grandchildren and eight siblings. We shall miss our classmates and their lovely smiles.

Further sad news came from **Anne McCaskill Libis**, who wrote of the death of **Margaret "Peggy" Elliott Sweeney**'s beloved husband, Mickey, who lost his brave battle to lung cancer in January. Supportive of Peg in her loss, Anne, Claude and their daughter, Claudia, made the wintry journey to be with their lifelong friend.

Sad news also came from **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** in Georgetown, Del., who wrote that her husband, Howard, died in April after a brief illness. Howard was a lifelong professional dog show handler. As an AKC licensed handler, he showed all breeds for many wins and best-in-show. He was a member of the Professional Handlers Association, member and founder of several area kennel clubs in Delaware and Connecticut, and an established breeder of poodles, dachshunds and basset hounds. Throughout their 35 years of marriage, Blackie and Howard shared their devotion to their dogs and to each other. On behalf of the class, our heartfelt sympathy was proffered to the Lancasters, to Peggy and her family and to Blackie.

Last time we left **Dotty Desmond Helfrich** in a cliffhanger. After recurrent hospitalizations, Dotty rang out the old year and began the new with repeated attempts to remove painful kidney stones. At our deadline, if the next procedures proved unsuccessful, she would have to forego her long-awaited South American cruise and tour. We are happy to report the six-week endeavor finally was successful, and Dot packed her bags in February. In a later update, she called her trip a fabulous one, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Rounding Cape Horn was most memorable, as were all the ports of call, especially Buenos Aires, "The Paris of South America." One week after returning to Richmond, Dot was back in the hospital with a herniated disc in her back, but she wrote, "I guess I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in!"

Dotty's suitemate, **Lavinia Ash Stuart**, went from Bethesda to visit her for an April weekend. They went to the Virginia Historical Society garden party at the landmark Virginia House in Richmond. Both are members of the society but hadn't attended any functions together. Dotty said they had a good time talking of their old times at MWC. They have taken several trips together in the past four years and hope to take more.

Betty Ann Phillips also enjoys traveling. She and Dianne, her life partner of over 30 years, have become hooked on cruises since they both retired. In recent years, they've had cruises both near and far, including one to Alaska and one to the western Caribbean, where they viewed Aztec ruins newly opened to the public. After visiting a friend in northern Italy, they continued on a cruise to Stockholm, Helsinki, Saint Petersburg and Copenhagen. When not traveling, they are at home in their condo on a hill in Occoquan, Va., overlooking the pool and the historic little town below. Betty Ann said the rest of their household consists of three cats.

Turning from feline to canine pets, **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** now has her rescued golden retriever, Hannah, at home with her in Manassas. Andi's Bible study class calls her Anna's Hannah. Andi reports that Hannah is wonderful company for her.

Completing this trilogy on four-legged friends, **June Davis McCormick** was eagerly awaiting happy news of Andi's new companion in February, while at the same time grieving the loss of her and John's fourth and last black cocker spaniel. Muffie was a joy for 16 years and six days of her life and is deeply missed, as you dog owners appreciate. "All you add is love."

Andi's grandchildren continue to make her proud. The latest happy news is that her oldest granddaughter, Dulany, will be going to graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill. She was awarded full tuition and fees and will assist in the art department while she pursues her major in silkscreen art. She also won first prize in a Canadian competition with her work. Her sister, Andrea, a junior at MWC, will spend the first semester of her senior year in Western Samoa at an archeological dig. To fill their time while their daughters are moving on, Andi's #2 son, Hal, and wife Wendy have bought an 1820's house on 26 acres in Lynchburg, Va., to restore and, eventually, inhabit. When Hal took younger brother, Scott, to see the house for the first time, Scott's remark was, "You've *got* to be kidding!" Actually, Hal and Wendy have rehabbed several other houses and love the challenge.

Kate Mayo Schmidt and Bill reported spending much of the spring at their farm, where they've also had renovations in progress. Their son, Bill Jr., and his wife joined them for 10 days at Easter, and they all had a great time attending the annual Bluegrass Festival again and just hanging out together. Kate and Bill were to leave Houston in late July for their usual trip *nawth* to Virginia and planned to attend Kate's 58th reunion at Radford High School. They also were to go to Roanoke for a family memorial service for Kate's older

sister. Then all the Mayos that could attend were to adjourn to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for the biannual gathering.

From there, Kate and Bill planned to drive to Indianapolis for a brief visit with Bill's two older sisters.

Anne McCaskill Libis attended the annual meeting of the Baltimore area MWC alumni chapter in March with a luncheon at the Hopkins Club, adding she was the only member from our class. Anne also joined many of us who've undergone cataract surgery shortly before her 75th natal anniversary. In May, Anne and Claude were going to their summer retreat in Maine, as usual, where they enjoy their horse-and-small-cart jaunts. This year they'll add sailing to their activities, as Claude bought a 28-foot sailboat last fall. Anne added they "must learn about the Maine waters and how to use a mooring." Arthritis in the spine keeps Anne from doing all she'd like to do, including driving, but, happily, Claude takes over what she can't do.

A welcome note from **Dolores "Dee" Ross** in Kilmarnock was filled with news. In April, Dee returned to a springtime campus to attend a Heritage Society luncheon at Seacobeck. She saw **Betty Fischer Gore** and **Mary Elwang Sharpley**, who had driven from C'ville, where both now reside. Dee said they all chatted about our upcoming 55th next year, hoping we all might meet again. Mary enjoys her lifestyle in her lovely retirement complex and continues swimming daily in the enclosed, heated pool.

In early May, Dee joined some 70 MWC alumni from the greater Northern Neck at a wine and cheese party at the Felvey home. Dr. Anderson was present, and while Dee saw several from other classes, including **Carey Harding** '47 and **Reba Sisson Haynie** '50, both of Reedville, she was the only one from our class. Dee said her sister, **Anne Ross Parks** '46, was recovering from cancer surgery in March. Dee's travel agenda has been rather full again this year. In February, a sunny cruise took her to Cozumel, Limon, Montego Bay and San Juan. She planned more domestic travel to Cape May, N.J., in June and to Myrtle Beach in November. Between those two trips, she scheduled a visit to Ireland in September for 10 days on the Emerald Isle. Dee's note card featured a reproduction of "The Train Bridge at Argenteuil," which we immediately recognized as a Monet, thanks to dear Emil Schnellock's picturesque lectures!

Our performing classmates continue displaying their outstanding talents. **Barbara Watson Barden** had a challenging role during the winter as one of the characters in "The Vagina Monologues." She said that was the 10th time she had portrayed an "old lady," but at last she was playing the right age. The major difficulty was in having to carry on a one-sided conversation to thin air, having no person present with whom to interact. In short, in a kind of monologue, she had to react to a question never asked and respond to a comment that was never heard. Get that picture? The much-discussed play was a rousing success, playing to SRO crowds all three nights. She said she was exhausted and so glad when it was all over. As a welcome respite, Barbara and Bob joined their oldest son, Jeff, and his family for a get-away week in the Florida Keys.

In Toronto, **Corrine "Conni" Conley Stuart** keeps active and acting. Last issue, we heralded her role in the Disney production of "Eloise at The Plaza," which starred Julie Andrews as Nanny. It aired in late April, before our alert could be read. Those of us who knew of Conni's appearance and watched the two-hour ABC movie had only a fleeting glimpse of her, but her continuing role as the blue-haired Mrs. Thornton with her matching poodle figures more prominently in the follow-up, "Eloise at Christmastime," to be aired around the holidays. On the strength of her part in the sequel, Conni had an opening credit in the first one! Both movies completed, Conni has been playing "The Gin Game" as a fund-raiser for the Performing Arts Lodge in Toronto, a retirement home for actors like the Motion Picture Home in Los Angeles. While Conni called it a fabulous play to do, she found it rather difficult playing on-going gin, but with nonstop laughter along with poignant moments.

Passing along news of her suitemates, Conni said she'd sent **Norah Pitts Byrnes'** husband, Bill, a script of "The Gin Game." A real theater buff, he was not flattered by the role, but was a good enough sport to agree to read the part with Conni for the suite reunion at the Stuarts' cottage in September. In the interim, **Sara-Primm Turner ffrench** and John spent the summer in Galway, Ireland, where John has his wonderful pottery studio. As mentioned earlier, Norah and "Dr. Bill" made the final *QE II* Atlantic crossing. Aboard ship, Norah pursued the gaming, and in London, Bill indulged his passion for West End theater.

Our third talented performer, **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**, is still much in demand for her musical abilities. She was kept busy in Lexington as accompanist when the VMI cadets staged "The Roar of the Crowd, the Smell of the Greasepaint," which she said was a roaring success. B.B. revealed that the fab foursome of B.B., **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon**, **Dotty Booker Pinkham** and **Jane Yeatman Spangler** have not convened for their annual mini-reunion this year, so perhaps they're preparing for our official 55th. These Forever Friends haven't missed our reunions in all these years, and we're counting on their perfect attendance record being kept intact!

As we grow older, we tend to resist change and much prefer continuity in our life. However, we may know the best of both worlds when we meet again next June for our 55th. Not only may we enjoy the familiar campus of our youth, but, on this special occasion, we may help christen the brand-new Alumni Executive Center, a state-of-the-art step into the future. While this is the last class notes you'll receive before our reunion, you'll hear further from the College, and us, after the first of the year. So, please plan ahead to make the weekend of June 4-6, 2004, a gala gathering, perhaps a last hoorah for all of us, the uniquely original Fabulous Forty-Niners.

Until we meet again, love to y'all from boffus.

1950

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I would like to thank all of you who sent words of sympathy to me after you read of my husband, Irv's, death. Your thoughts and prayers have been very comforting to me.

Marcy Weatherley Morris and Juney were invited to attend a gala, similar to the May Queen tradition, called "Monte Carlo Night Dance" in February 2002. There were male and female representatives from all four classes, a Duke and Duchess, the Queen and King. Marcy was invited to crown the first Queen in 34 years and the first King ever! Then she and Juney led the first dance after the crowning. She said it was a lovely evening with semi-formal dress. More recent news from the Morrises is that they went on two cruises, both on Celebrity's ship, *Galaxy*. One of their ports of call was San Juan, where **Alicia De-Rivera-Cruz** gave them the grand tour. They are happy to have some of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living near them in King George, Va.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe of Gloucester, Va., took a 21-day cruise around the tip of South America. It took them down the coast of South America with a stop at the Falkland Islands and a three-day stay in Antarctica, where they saw thousands of penguins. They also celebrated their 50th anniversary along with becoming great-grandparents. At Christmas time, Nan and her cousin, Jean, were selected to be Grand Marshals for the annual Christmas parade.

Carol Bailey Miller stays busy with her involvement with horse shows, women's club, garden club, line dancing and, of course, riding her horse, Buddy. Husband Bill keeps himself out of mischief doing outside chores such as fence-building. **Mary Ann Gillespie Corbett** wrote that she and her husband, Gordon, have been living in the same house in Richmond for 40 years and think it is time to clear out the attic and basement!

Using her English and librarian background, **Virginia Felts Brown** of Mt. Holly has edited a historical magazine in her area for over 15 years, and in 2003 she is co-chair of Westmoreland County's 350th anniversary celebration. She is also active in the Episcopal Church and her DAR chapter, in which she has served as state chairman of a committee for 12 years. **Nancy Lee Fox Sease** traveled to Hungary, where she met travel agent friends with whom she toured the country. They then returned to Budapest to attend the opera, a concert and saw the Lipizzaners.

Some of you may not know that our dear classmate, **Martha Carr Huddleston**, lost her courageous battle with cancer in October 2002. Those of us who attended our reunion three years ago will remember her enjoying everything, traveling to and from in her motorized vehicle. **Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox** has high-school memories of Martha, as does **Barbara Booker Palmer**. Ozzie was a bridesmaid in Martha and Stewart's wedding, and they lived in the same apartment complex when their first children were born. **Billie Mitchell Hanes**, who lives in Virginia Beach, also had frequent lunches with Martha, and she was able to attend Martha's funeral, which she said was a true celebration of life. Billie said she finally went on her trip to Italy in June 2002, which included a lot of walking in Rome, Florence, Venice and the Italian countryside. She had the dubious honor of being the oldest woman and the only single traveler on the tour.

Patti Head Ferguson and Glenn are permanently settled in Santa Fe, N.M., having sold all their other real estate. Glenn had a tumor behind his left eye, which caused pain while they were in Bhutan after having been in Venezuela for a month. But with special laser surgery at Mayo in Minnesota, all went well. Then in fall 2002 Patti broke her leg stepping off a curb and into a pothole. I hope all is well now. Their children are in various places. Scott is back in Croatia, where he has his own consulting firm; Bruce retired from his space satellite business five years ago and has bought a New Jersey firm to remove harmful elements from the soil by using plant materials; and daughter Sherry is in Virginia while her husband covers the globe as U.S. trade commissioner in the Bush administration.

Jackie Newell Recker in Ponte Vedra, Fla., saw **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** at a party during the holidays. She also said that **Jane Gardner Mallory** and her husband have moved from Ponte Vedra to a retirement community operated for retired Naval personnel in Atlantic Beach. In nearby Jacksonville, Fla., **Clelia Boushee Bullard** has been busy with genealogy for the last few years, going back 10 generations. She planned to attend the national convention of the Children of the Confederacy. One of her

grandsons is president of the national organization and another is president of the Florida state group. She has been in touch with **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis** several times since Eleanor's husband passed away. Eleanor sold her home in Florida and is now living near her son in Allentown, Pa., and seems to be settling in pretty well. **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** is in Warren, Pa., and enjoys visiting her children in various locations as well as going to their annual timeshare vacation at Nags Head. Bobbie had another arthroscopic knee surgery, and husband Bill fell off his electric scooter, breaking his left shoulder. Good news is that their daughter, Nini, is planning a wedding in 2003.

Now full-time "Mainiacs or Mainers," **Nan Taylor Stockman** and Chaz spend their summers on Great Diamond Island (lower Casco Bay) and winters on Orr Island (Upper Casco Bay) in the home of Chaz's great-great-grandfather that is located on Harpswell Sound, where they enjoy wonderful sunsets.

I received word from Robert Whittier of Saco, Maine, husband of **Mary-Jane Redman Whittier**, informing me of her death in December 2002. Mary-Jane enjoyed traveling and was active in her community, serving on several volunteer boards. She was employed as a teacher in Saco for 20 years. Two of her daughters graduated from MWC.

Back to the Southern contingent, **Lucille "Ciel" Schoolcraft Commander** in Carrollton, Ga., sent the happy news that in June 2002 she married C.A. "Buck" Commander, whom she had known for a long time. She had been widowed since 1993. They have been doing some tripping/flying to Santiago, boarding a ship in Valparaiso, sailing around the Horn and ending up in Buenos Aires. They even became members of the Penguin Society by jumping in the ship's pool and "swimming around the horn." And Ciel planned an Intergenerational Elderhostel to Alaska with an 11-year-old grandson in summer '03. Also in Georgia, **Rowena Simpson Renn** is teaching again at Mercer U., filling in for the chair of the voice department, who is on sabbatical. It involves a 90-mile trip each way. Her daughter and family returned from Africa, where they were involved in a literacy project that included writing and printing textbooks for teaching literacy to the Fulaini Wadaabi, and they started health clinics and other things to help the Wadaabi. They now have a home just a mile from Rowena and Ed. **Gerry Boswell Griffin** and Dave did some in-the-states traveling when their across-country bus tour to Canada and Alaska was cancelled. They also toured Fantasy in Ice, an exhibit of ice sculpture scenes carved by artisans from China. The building was kept at 10 degrees, but heavy parkas were provided for everyone to wear. **Shirley Cole Schleter** and John in Kitty Hawk, N.C., were expecting an onslaught of tourists for the 100th anniversary of powered flight. Shirley has been having some heart-related problems but still has her bridge games and has replaced water aerobics with pulmonary therapy.

Mary Cottingham Hardy is able to walk without assistance now and can drive wherever she wants following her fall. She had a Princess cruise with five family members to the Mexican Riviera. **Nat Wilton** has been good about keeping in touch with Mary and **Delia "D.G." Pate Wilson**, who is not in good health. Nat also enjoyed having lunch with an MWC student who lives in Seattle — she filled her in on what the College was like in our day. **Betty Gavett Breeden** was employed as interim church music director for five-plus months. She and Joe share special times with family members who are near them in San Diego.

I enjoyed an Elderhostel in Annapolis with a high-school friend. We learned a lot about the history and architecture of the city as well as touring the Naval Academy. While there, I called **Nancy Herring Stuart**, and we had a nice chat. She had been a docent in several of the historic homes. She told me that **Betty Turner Jones** has moved and given up her home, but she still has a Mt. Pleasant, S.C., address.

1951

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Greetings from Fredericksburg. By now, quite a few of you have read **Ruth DeMiller Hill**'s autobiography that is being sent around. Most interesting — she has lived a full, full, full life!

When **Betsy Fletcher Adams** sent me Ruth's book, she included some up-to-date information on her family. Her husband, Bill, retired from Bechtel Corporation 12 years ago. He consulted quite a bit until last year, when he went back to Montgomery College to earn an A.A. degree in geography. So far, he also has a B.S. and M.S. in engineering and has begun courses in history. What next? Bill and Betsy's girls and their families are spread around the country. Their eldest, Leslie, is in Southern Pines, where Greg is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. This past summer, Greg left the Army to go into private practice as a urologist in Sanford, N.C. Thus they will remain in Southern Pines, and Leslie will be able to keep her horse and pony. Their son, William, is 7. Margaret (geologist), Bob (cartographer) and their two children live in Littleton, Colo. Ann, Joe and Stephen live about 10 minutes away from Bill and Betsy, who keep Ann's horses and ponies. Ann and Joe have Ph.D.s in biomedical engineering. Jenny, their youngest, is a major in the Army and graduated from West Point in 1989. Her husband, Grant, is also a West Point graduate, and they have two adorable little boys. They are stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., but will come east this July. Jenny will report to Quantico to take the Marine Advanced Course, while Grant will go to the Pentagon.

Bill and Betsy try to keep up with their girls. She still keeps horses and ponies around but has slowed down in the riding department.

No other news, except **Sarah Herring Estes** and I still enjoy our monthly luncheons together. Are your ears burning yet?

1952

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From Corley:

We are sad to report that **Diana Buckwalter** passed away this spring. She had been ill for many months. Her family and friends were loving and supportive. She will be missed.

I am thriving in the Rocky Mountain environment. I skied only four times this winter, but I did do a lot of snow-shoeing.

1953

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1954

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Lois Manton Graff Reiser, who died suddenly of a heart attack last year, introduced my husband and me to Carla, a pen pal of hers from the Netherlands, during the time Lois was at boarding school. When we lived in Germany, we were able to see Carla and meet her family. Carla writes to us and says she hates not hearing from Lois or getting pictures of her children and now grandchildren. We miss the phone calls, letters and pictures, also.

Mary Ann Dorsey Judy and Paul spend three months each year in Naples, Fla., then they go back to Illinois until June, when they head to Nantucket for four months. Two of their children live in the Chicago area; one is in Annapolis and one each in Missoula, Mont., and Berkeley, Calif. They have seven grandchildren, from 19 to 4. Mary Ann sees **Nancy Root Skinner** a couple times a year and keeps in touch with several other classmates. Paul and Mary Ann attended Paul's 50th reunion in June.

Patricia Ashley Mathena and John enjoy not having a schedule, and said that they walk a little slower. Their daughter is a media specialist at Stuarts Draft Elementary School in Virginia.

Lucy-Mae Redman Munger and Bruce spend six months in Arizona, from November to April, and then head to their home in New Hampshire for the summer months. From May to October they drive and see many different parts of the States. They have one daughter in California with her family, so they swing by there on their trips. Their son and other daughter and their families are in Massachusetts, so they spend a great deal of time with them during the summer. Lucy-Mae and Bruce have eight grandchildren that are a great joy to them. They still love life in their Sun City Vistoso community. They are very active, have great friends, enjoy the super weather and are happy being state-side. All is well health-wise, but she is almost 72. She is still able to remember her wonderful years at Mary Washington College as a damn Yankee. They are planning an Eastern trip in 2004 to attend the reunion. She is sure she will be thrilled with all the new additions to our College.

Ellen Royston Myrick and Cecil retired in '93. They live at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Their oldest son, a firefighter, lives 30 miles away in Asheville. He has two daughters. His wife is employed by Asheville-Buncombe Community College as one of the directors of continuing education. Their younger son lives in Mooresville, N.C., and is a nurseryman (plant). He is their musician. Ellen and Cecil are into the care of elderly parents, serve as volunteers in their church and community and assist with information technology at the World Bank.

Susan Sykes Shipman and Bob are retired. They go to Willard Creek Community Church, one of the largest churches in the community and located in South Barrington, Ill. Their daughter, Linda, a speech pathologist, is happily married and is raising two boys in Lake Zurick, Ill. Their youngest son is a policeman in West Chicago, where he passed the sergeant's exam. He lives in Bartlett, Ill. Their middle son is a prison chap-

lain at Charlotte Correctional Institute in Punta Gorda, Fla. Susan is learning to quilt. She has done a memory quilt, so this year she hopes to tackle a larger one in this year's quilting class. She tries to keep in touch with classmates other than her suitemates. Susan and Bob had a nice visit with **Bev Turner Cooke** and her husband last year in Hot Springs, Ark.

Patricia Swain Holzberlein suggests that we take a boat ride from Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock River. The alumni office is looking into it. Pat visits daughter Becky, her husband and their three children and also goes to Massachusetts once a month to visit daughter Sussie and her family. She leaves after work Thursday and then returns Sunday night. Fortunately, her son, Riley, lives just down the street with his wife and four children. Pat has redone her kitchen all by herself. Her yard gets bigger and bigger. For fun, she goes to Nags Head and Virginia Beach. Pat still works with Air Line Pilots Association International.

The highlight of the year for **Barbara "Babs" Wilson Taliaferro-Potter** was a trip to New Zealand with **Linda LeHardy Sweet**, Jauncey and three other couples. Her brother, Ward Le Hardy, and his wife, Judy, organized the trip. They spent three weeks traveling the north and south islands by car. Linda and Jauncey's son, Christopher, was listed on *The New York Times* best-seller list for his book, *Above Hallowed Ground,* a compilation of pictures taken by New York City policemen during and after 9/11 at and over Ground Zero. Proceeds will go to the families of lost police officers. Another son, David, is a professor of English at the American U. in Cairo. Linda and Jauncey have a grandson. Linda ran into **Patricia Hatfield Mayer** and said that she looked great.

Babs' husband, Bob, still works with JHACO doing hospital surveys. They have been to his Exeter reunion, his medical school reunion in Boston, and also to St. Johns, Newfoundland, and New York City for his Grenfell Board meetings. Their two sons are still practicing medicine at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine. One is still batching, and the other has two grandchildren growing up much too fast. Babs serves on the Friends Library board and the arts and culture alliance board. She is also working on converting a historical facility on Marasota Key, a beautiful site on the Gulf, into an artist's retreat.

Margaret "Margy" Hogg Sullivan and Babs spent a few days in Chicago to visit the museums, mainly the Art Institute. Margy lives in Toledo, Ohio, near her daughter and family. Margy and her cousin, **Joan Kaitner Lyon**, attended a family reunion last year. Both were classmates of ours as freshmen.

We changed our tickets for the National Symphony, since we were going to be in Greece. We got in our seats, and as I looked at the woman to my right, I knew I knew her. So I asked, "Are you **Helen Wilbur Vogel**?" We had a long discussion. She does a lot of babysitting for her grandchildren.

It was wonderful hearing from you. I hope a few more will write.

1955

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I grew up with the saying, "No news is good news." I hope that means that all of you and yours are doing well. I did hear from **Mary Patterson Morgan**. She and her husband, Frank, returned to Virginia a couple years ago, after more than 40 years elsewhere. They are now in Charlottesville.

Eleanor Pollock, **Lisa Howard** '80, and I went to the MWC Northern Virginia alumni gathering in the spring. **Colleen O'Rear Lewis** and **Betsy Blackwell Fowler** were interested in joining us, but could not make it. Eleanor and her sister, Lucia, will be traveling to Ireland in June. Fran and I plan to go to Spain in September, unless the trip gets cancelled, as it did in June.

Keep in touch!

1956

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Phyllis Block Brotman became the first woman president of The Center Club, a downtown Baltimore business club, last June. She was the first woman board member 17 years ago. She owns Image Dynamics, sits on the board of trustees of Towson U., and is chair of the board at the College of Mass Communications. She served on the achievement board for public schools in Maryland for the Maryland State Department of Education. Her husband, Don, retired from his dentistry practice, but son Sol took up the same career in Jacksonville, Fla. Daughter Barbara is senior vice president with GKV in Baltimore. Three grandchildren complete the picture.

Catherine Dick Ray in Broomfield, Colo., has worked in several fields: clinical chemistry technician, schoolteacher, small business partner and CPA corporate tax accountant. Currently, Catherine is a program director for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Colorado. Her family includes three sons: an engineer, an orthopedic surgeon and a lawyer with an MBA degree. She enjoys seven grandchildren. Catherine has been to Europe twice and in 1952 took a windjammer cruise with her freshman roommate, **Barbara Harrell Franklin**, who lives in Cleveland, Tenn. Another roommate, **Laura Miller Bealey**, of Oakton, Va., is an accomplished artist, who taught painting in Ireland and has paintings in several galleries. Her work was to be shown in Newport, R.I.

Anna "Buttons" Petro Molitor, who started with us but graduated early, worked for the government in Saigon and taught school in Yakima, Wash. Now retired, she is having fun as an artist.

Ashley "Kay" Saine Nuckols is a genealogist with her business, Family Roots Inc., and has authored 80 books. She helped to organize the Sons of the American Revolution, as well as a children's division of the American Revolution. One son is a lawyer in England, and another is in real estate in Florida.

June Ann Tingler Buie and husband Don sailed from Venice to Malta and spent a week in Switzerland last year. She also traveled east from California and visited **Barbara Strangmann Hiscock** and **Mary Gale Buchanan** in Annapolis.

Sadly, **Jeannette Carroll Rothrock** was widowed upon the death of her husband, Fairfax County Judge Thomas J. Rothrock, in December 2002.

I hope more of you will send some news for the next issue — please!

1957

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What a wonderful response to the postcard request for news! If you do not see your news in this issue, be sure to check the upcoming issue of *MWC Today.*

Kay Nelson Richardson volunteers at church and a civic association. She and her husband, Clay, travel to Memphis two or three times a year to visit their son, his wife and three grandchildren. Kay's former roommate, **Nancy Hallett Guest**, and her husband, Harry, and dachshund Greta spent a few days with them catching up and doing some sightseeing. They had a great time! Nancy and Harry divide their time between Albany, N.Y. and Vail, Colo. Their two sons live in Denver.

Meredith Puller Townes and her husband, Jack, had a wonderful weekend with **Lois Prime Liles** and her husband, Sherwood, at their home in Virginia Beach last summer. Meredith reported that she is doing fine after learning that she had breast cancer in 2001. She and Jack are in the planning stages of a trip to New Zealand and Australia in February.

Sidney Cowles Lincoln has retired from her position as resource teacher for the past 18 years in Liverpool, N.Y. She and her sister have relocated to apartments close to one another in Falmouth, Maine. It is an easy drive to their camp in Liberty, where they can relax, garden, and use their carpentry skills. The first show of her artwork was in April at a coffeehouse in Brunswick. Other happy activities include a writing group and classes at USM Senior College. Every time she receives a mailing from MWC, she takes a mental campus walk. She is so pleased, when she asks the callers at donation time, to hear that the beauty of MWC remains, and that the students still use The Pledge. Sidney said, "Life is good!"

Josephine Markwood Blue and her husband, Tom, have a new granddaughter, born in April. They now have four grandchildren, two girls and two boys. Josephine and Tom are both retired and enjoy traveling and visiting their sons and their families.

Bruce Ritchie Spain recently returned from Florida, where she saw **Janie Watson Rawlings**. She was looking forward to her high-school reunion there in Richmond in late April and to seeing **Sally Strawhand Westphalen**, who was also planning to attend. Bruce, **Katherine "Kay" Nelson Richardson**, and **Anne Jones Belsha** were planning to meet for lunch soon. Anne's daughter attends the Church of the Holy Spirit in Roanoke, where Bruce's son is the rector. She said that Anne's daughter is lovely — just like her mom!

Isabella Phillips DeJohn said that so many years have passed, but in many ways it seems like yesterday! Two of her grandchildren are researching colleges for fall 2004. When her husband, Donald, sold his insurance business and retired, they moved from Bedford Village, Westchester County, N.Y., to Sarasota, Fla. After a successful career in real estate for many years in Bedford, she has obtained her license in Sarasota and loves selling the beautiful Gulf of Mexico beachfront homes. She and Donald have five children between them, and 10 grandchildren. They love to travel whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Barbara West Morton Williamson is still living in Evanston, Ill., where she retired from public-school teaching three years ago. She now teaches ESL. (English as a second language) four nights a week and is very active in her Quaker meeting.

Jolene Moyer Griffith retired from Virginia Cooperative Extension Service (VPI and SU) seven years ago, and her husband, Harry, is retired from Coors Brewing Company. They travel quite often, and their stained-glass hobby is definitely "out of hand," but they enjoy it. Their daughter, **Sidney Griffith Keith** '85, and family live in Richmond. She sees **Sandra Yates,** who attended MWC '53-'55, quite often as they both enjoy playing bridge and live about a mile from each

other. She was remembering our crowded little room in Willard that we shared with **Jane Perlman**, whom she hears from at Christmas. Jane is a retired Air Force captain and lives in Indiatlantic, Fla.

Evelyn Nitti Ewald and her husband, Joe, have been enjoying life in Orlando, Fla., for the past 12 years. They have been tracing their family roots and find genealogy to be a fascinating hobby. They are taking a much-needed break from having been actively involved in their community homeowners association. Having lived overseas for many years, traveling is in their blood, so they try to return to Europe at least once a year. They ski in Utah each spring and visit their daughters and grandchildren as often as possible. Catherine and family are in N.Y., where her husband is head football coach at Fordham U. Laura is in Houston, Texas, working as an adviser for ExxonMobil's global security group. They recently attended one of Dr. Anderson's presentations and found it very interesting to learn about all the changes and growth at MWC.

Nancy Jamerson Dangler and her husband, Joe, moved to Hawaii in 1959 for two years, and 44 years later are still there and love it! After Nancy retired as a school librarian, they have traveled quite a bit. They are presently enjoying their grandchildren and retirement in alohaland.

Sylvia Swords Graham retired from the Paulding County, Ga., school system in 1997. She relocated to Summerfield, Fla., in September 2002. She is having a ball and is enjoying her new lifestyle. She found some old pictures of her days at MWC while moving and plans to bring them to the 50th reunion.

Elaine Tucker Deason and husband Frank have two sons, four grandsons and one granddaughter. Elaine taught school for 25 years. They are both retired and enjoy traveling, playing golf, are active in their church and play in an 18-piece band, which plays primarily music from the Big Band era. Elaine plays keyboard, and Frank plays the trombone. They enjoy the Charlotte Symphony, The Carolina Opera Series and attending Spoleto in Charleston.

Helen Grantz Fortner and her husband, Luther, are happily retired and living in Montclair, a subdivision in Dumfries, Va., which is about 30 miles from D.C. Their four children have settled in Frederick, Md., Fairfax, Va., and Virginia Beach. They are blessed with seven grandchildren whose ages range from 3 to 21! Helen enjoys aqua fitness, walking, reading and painting. She has an artistic granddaughter, and for the past couple summers they have had an "art camp," where she learns what her granddaughter learns in her art class. She says it is great fun! **Barbara Craft Grantz** married Helen's brother, Walter, and they live in Virginia Beach. They see each other often at family holiday get-togethers and on stopovers on their way to Dulles Airport. They still love to travel extensively.

Congratulations to **Mary-Montague Hudson Sikes**, the winner of Virginia Press Women first-place awards! She won first place in non-fiction-general for her coffeetable book, *Hotels to Remember*, and first place for special articles, social issues, in the Virginia Press Women 2003 Communications Contest. Her work is available on Amazon and on Barnes and Noble as well as http://virginiaartists.net/webpages/A1003/.

We are saddened to report the death of **Barbara Stanton Heine**, who lost husband Don not long before her own passing. We had news from her earlier, in which she said that MWC gals are still the best, and that she had a great time at reunion last year. She loved being the spoiling Grammy with her two grandchildren. She was working at the senior citizens center organizing the lifelong learning program, but, of course, was sure to mention that she was not old enough to be a senior citizen herself! The program reflected her interests in reading, music, art, flowers and birds (with a little travel and theater thrown in). Husband Don's death was quite a shock, but she said he had a good life and lived it to the fullest until the final moment.

1958

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Special thanks to **Sue Wright Culpepper** and **Cynthia Segraves**, both in Jacksonville, Fla., for writing 1958 class notes from 1998-2003.

Per the directions in our Welcome Back to MWC letter, when we arrived on campus we proceeded to the registration tent on Ball Circle to pick up our reunion packet, nametag and tickets. The first event to be attended on Friday was the welcome reception at 5:00 p.m. at Seacobeck Hall. It rained Saturday morning, thus the reunion picnic was held in Seacobeck. We were scattered about the room, and socializing was at a minimum. Our class reunion party was held at Randolph Hall. The reception room of Randolph does not look anything like we remembered it. While we were talking and looking at the '58 yearbook and photos, **Nanalou West Sauder** '56 set out the refreshments and passed out a form to be filled in for the class agent, reunion booklet, the 50th reunion chair. **Anne dePorry McGrath** and **Kay Martin Britto** volunteered to be chairs of our next reunion. Others also said they would help. I agreed to be class agent, and I think I also said yes to the booklet. We need to hear from you all frequently! Anne helped with taking notes on the stories of travel, children, grandchildren, marriages, divorces, widowhood, education, and careers of the Class of 1958.

Jean Anderson Chapman talked about her travels with her sister (her husband does not like to travel). She took a course in quilting at the John C. Campbell Folk School in North Carolina. She is also enjoying her grandchildren. During a visit with **Kay Ruth McMillan** in Roswell, N.M., she learned that Kay and her husband might be moving East sometime soon.

Virginia Brett Garland continues to teach kindergarten. Her husband, who is retired, now does all the cooking. This is okay with Virginia, as cooking was not one of her favorite activities. She has two sons and six grandsons.

Beverly Cooke Lordi, a retired clinical social worker with a specialty in psychiatry, enjoys traveling with her husband — they have traveled to every continent. Bev volunteers with the Arthritis Foundation. She has seven grandchildren, three girls and four boys. As Bev was leaving Randolph, she fell at the front door. Several individuals rushed to assist her while she waited for an ambulance, which transported her to the Mary Washington Hospital. I spoke with Bev on June 10. She was recovering from a chipped bone in each ankle and used crutches. Bev expressed her appreciation to **Bonnie Hatch Bowden**, who drove them back to Richmond.

Jane Crenshaw Avera has retired and moved to Richmond. She continues to love life, which she celebrates every morning by playing her keyboard organ, given to her by her children, and singing her favorite songs.

Dorothy Dalton Crossan retired in 1997 and is living in Hardy, Va. Golf, bridge, aerobics, a woman's investment group and the Red Hat Society keep her busy. Dorothy and her husband love to travel, and they were planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand. In addition to all of this, she is an active member of the American Association of University Women.

Anne dePorry McGrath has retired to Fredericksburg, a great retirement town. Anne is active in the Learning in Retirement group. She continues to edit the *Bookman's Price Index*.

Joan Dixon retired from teaching after 34 years in Roselyn Heights, N.Y. She hopes to move to Hilton Head, S.C., within the coming year.

Nancy Doner Salmon has retired from teaching music. She keeps busy by sailing, biking, and playing tennis and golf. She misses the fact that MWC no longer has a marching band. After living in Texas, Nebraska and Wisconsin, Nancy and her husband, Frederick, have settled in Sparta, N.Y., where she cares for her mother, who is now 101. Frederick attended the reunion with Nancy.

Margaret Dunne Zebrowski lived on Long Island for 16 years. When she retired from teaching English as a second language, she moved to Alexandria. Margaret is the president of the Alexandria branch of AAUW. She attended MWC for two years, and she said, "It's good to be back." **Susannah Godlove** and Margaret shared interests in AAUW, as the current Virginia president of AAUW, is from Winchester, Susannah's branch. Susannah describes herself as a couch potato who never liked exercise. Retiring in 1998, she had time to explore other options, including volunteer work with an arts council, studying martial arts — Taijiquon in 2001 — and Weight Watchers, both lifelong commitments. Her 90-year-old mother lives in Winchester. Bridge and her six cats keep her busy.

Betty Gould Storms and her husband, Bob, whom she met at MWC, have been married for 45 years. They live in Leavenworth, Kan. Bob retired from the military, and Betty retired from the Veterans Administration. They enjoy traveling, visiting their daughter in Austin, Texas, and sons in Durham, N.C. Another hobby Betty keeps busy with is quilting. Their six grandchildren range in age from 6 to 18. Bob accompanied Betty to the reunion.

Bonnie Hatch Bowden has moved to Wilmington, N.C., after retiring from a career in the home-furnishing business. She is a master gardener. She visits the local hospice with her dog, Lucy, who is a therapy dog.

Peggy Kelley Reinburg could not attend our reunion, since she was on an international organ-playing tour in Paris, Germany and Australia. Peggy is active in music in Norfolk, Va.

Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson is remarried and still lives in Fredericksburg. Remarriage has enabled her to count 13 grandchildren. She has spoken to **Lucy Geoghegan Cheshire**, who now resides in North Carolina. She says Lucy sounds great.

Carol Louise Lehmann, who attended MWC for two years and then transferred to Michigan State U., was unable to attend the class party. Carol had injured her back in May, and she had gone to an Urgent Care Center for help. Medication did not help, so she spent the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday in the ER at Mary Washington Hospital. Betty, Susannah and Bob went along. Susannah left for home that morning, but Betty and Bob stayed over an extra day, and Carol was able to travel home on Tuesday after receiving treatment.

Lou Magette Thomas lives in Newport News, where she enjoys gardening and flower arranging. Lou is still able to do the impressive dog imitations — a well-hidden fact dating back to her MWC days. With encouragement from the group, Lou demonstrated her dog calls.

Kay Martin Britto enjoys her life in Wrightsville Beach, N.C., even though she travels overseas frequently. Kay continues part-time work as a librarian, as well as volunteering in the local sea turtle program. Her son, **Jamie** — one of

five children that range between the ages of 27 and 44 — attended MWC, as well as two daughters-in-law.

Judy Pyrke Orrell keeps in touch with fellow grads living in the Virginia Beach area. She is still working as a part-time interior design consultant/fashion consultant, after having her own modeling agency. Judy shared her experiences in the cavalry at MWC and the time she had to be on duty in downtown Fredericksburg to guard a building. She was riding a horse and carried a gun that was not loaded. Judy has many more stories that we did not have time to hear. She also had a large color photo of Randolph Hall lobby, which no longer has the same colors — gold drapes, deep blue carpet.

Mary "Ruthie" Ridge Griggs, who did not attend the reunion, sent the following message: "I left my heart at MWC. Love to all, especially the Framar and Custis friends. I shall hope and pray for the 50th. We all know how quickly five years can pass!"

Elinor Runge Vitek kept us laughing with previously untold anecdotes. She and her husband live on a boat and spend a lot of time on the Inland Waterway. They have spent two months in Bhutan on an orthopedic volunteer program. Vegetarian diet, no booze, no ice cream, and walking 10 miles round-trip to the market with a backpack, Elinor and her husband each lost 10 pounds.

Nancy Schultz Keyser, now widowed, has remodeled and lives in the family home belonging to her husband's family in Washington, Va., near her two sons. She summers in Wisconsin, where she paints. Nancy has exhibited her work in Virginia, D.C. and Wisconsin.

Ann Scott Howlett traveled from King, N.C., to the reunion. She is a retired school administrator, twice widowed. A daughter, one of her two children, is now living in Stephens City, Va. Ann plans to visit the area more.

Betsy Smith LaFever has lived in Florida for 19 years, in the same house, with her husband and three Rhodesian Ridgebacks. Recently, her husband returned home from Puerto Rico with four more dogs. This makes quite a houseful!

Madeleine Smith Moss now lives in Williamsburg, Va., after 20 years in Boston. She said she is glad to be back in the South. She danced until about four years ago, and now she spends as much time as possible with her grandchildren.

Anne Snook Miller has lived in Richmond with her husband, Jack, who is retired, for the past 40 years. She enjoys computer activities and gardening at their cottage on Gwynn's Island in the Chesapeake Bay.

Tempe Thomason has retired from social work. She was the third class member at the reunion who has a master's degree in social work. Are there more out there? Tempe and Patti brought their Labrador retriever, Star, to the reunion. Star posed in the class picture as our mascot.

Mary Townsend Bates enjoys her blended family of five children, which she said is perfect, and two cats, not perfect. She loves living in Williamsburg, using the Internet and playing bridge. Mary has worked in many occupations, including teaching, real estate and the federal government in various aspect of the executive branch. She retired after 24 years.

Jeanne Walsh Ladd was not on the class list. She said she just decided to come to the reunion. Jeanne lives in Boca Raton, Fla., and enjoys traveling with **Phyllis Myers Thum**.

Betty "Snookie" Woods Nutting came to the reunion to catch up, even though she left MWC after two years. Snookie, who has renovated Victorian houses for many years, is active in the Victorian Landmarks Foundation. She has traveled extensively, leaving her husband, a publisher, at home. Now she is starting a demolition company. Good luck!

Anne and I hope that we have not missed anyone, that the information is correct and that we did not misquote anyone.

See you all in 2008!

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Hello again! Good news from **Marianne Carrano Raphaely**. In February, she and Russ found themselves in Thailand at the first Asian-Pacific Conference for the Pediatric Cardiac Association. Russ spoke on a lovely island named Phuhet. They toured the King's Palace and saw the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok. They were on their way to Cambodia and Vietnam, according to the postcard. It was a three-week trip.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers wrote from a bumpy train from Baltimore after two presentations at Johns Hopkins. She and Don were planning a cruise to Bermuda in June, and in October they will take a two-week trip on a paddle wheeler from Portland to Idaho, Montana and Canada. She and Don will be moving to Huntington in the near future. Irene has heard from **Pat Hundley Osisek**, who lost her husband, Steve. Irene planned to meet **Carol Agesen Dunigan** and **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen** in May for a lunch and visit. When she wrote, Irene was preparing for a trip to Montreal, one of her favorite cities. She likes to keep busy with tennis and snow skiing.

It is with much sadness that I tell you we lost **Carmen Culpeper Chappell** in March. I had spoken to Carmen over the Christmas holidays. She was upbeat and as effervescent as always. Unfortunately, the cancer returned. **Dorothy "Dodie" Reeder Hruby**, **Katherine "Kay" Rowe Hayes**, **Diana Trischman Lee**, and Marianne Carrano Raphaely attended the service.

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My sweet little mom came to visit for the winter months, fell ill and passed away July 1, 2002. As **Carolyn Barnette Wright**, in Florida, so eloquently put it, giving up a mother, at any age, is one of life's biggest challenges. I thank you for all the e-mail from so many classmates expressing those same thoughts.

Judi Early Bidwick, **Betsy Ottley Taggart**, and **Lynn McCarthy** have had a three-way e-mail conversation going on for ages, but Lynn dropped out in December with rumors of getting a new computer. Betsy has had snail mail from her, but we all miss Lynn's chatty e-mails filled with news.

Pat Scott Peck is retiring in June after 40 years of teaching middle school, but she is feeling a bit unsettled about it at the moment. She's sure that she will find more than enough to do, but, "It's just a new stage to act on and I guess I have a mild case of stage-fright." She hopes to travel more. Pat, **Jean Ryan Farrell** and **Matte McCeney Campbell** all met on the *Norwegian Dream*, and sailed around Cape Horn together from Santiago, Chile, to Argentina and had a grand time. One highlight was celebrating Pat's birthday on January 31, the last night before they got off in Buenos Aires. Neither Jean nor Matte had seen Pat since college, and Matte remarked that she looked great — just as they remembered her.

The Park Rangers at Coyote Point, Calif., were ecstatic when **Carolyn Crum Pannu**'s ESL class showed up with 250 adults and cleaned up the beach and the park on Earth Day. Carolyn and her friend, Jack, are going to Italy this summer, and she is taking an intensive course in Italian. Carolyn's son, Raj, was married in September in Los Angeles, and daughter Kara is with an interior design firm in San Francisco designing an immense remodel in Hillsborough, near Carolyn.

Barbara Upson Gravely's husband is off-and-on again in crisis state as he battles Parkinson's disease. The last few years have gotten decidedly harder and more unpredictable. **Connie Booth Logothetis** had shared all her pictures and news from our last reunion, and Barbie is hoping to see all at our 45th! **Pat Pollock McFarland** wrote that they winter in Palm Desert and summer in Costa Mesa. They enjoy happy children and families, good health and fun travels like China (before SARS), a week on the Outer Banks to celebrate her sister's, **Marilou Pollock Lundberg** '64, 60th birthday and a trip to San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. They were remodeling their Costa Mesa apartment and hoped to move back in by May.

Soho Press is publishing **Kelly Cherry**'s new novel, *We Can Still Be Friends*, about a movie producer, a surgeon, an art historian and a professor of women's studies and how their lives entwine. **Mary Turner Willett** said that **Nell Robinson May** looks great and is very happy living in Williamsburg. Mary lives in Virginia Beach and has a full-time job keeping up with nine grandchildren and playing golf and tennis.

Another grandmother of nine, **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**, keeps busy with her quilting business, organizing her church's annual smash-hit quilt show and keeping track of her huge and interesting family. One son is a Navy environmental engineer and a Baptist pastor on weekends, another son just sold the lighting for the CIA & Spy museums; and another was Jessica Lynch's commanding officer. **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** stopped by Clara Sue's quilt shop when in town visiting her daughter. Clara Sue also shared the news that **Janie Riles** will become a grandmother for the first time in June. Janie is going to France in the fall with a group of artists and has been selling her paintings very successfully.

Mary Hatcher still lives in Wilmington, N.C. She is planning visits to two MWC roommates, **Kathy Byorum Crane** in Copperas Cove, Texas, and **Betsey Hansen** '62 in Stafford, Va. Condolences to Mary on the death of her father, who succumbed to cancer in June.

This isn't exactly news, but **Aggie Welsh Eyster** shared a story about the great benefits of attending MWC. "I met and became friends with **Jill Cusack Clay**, and then our mutual friend, **Candes Parker Chumney**, who grew up in San Antonio and knew everybody, informed us that we were cousins! Jill had lived all over as an Army brat and knew only her closest relatives that lived in San Antonio, and I grew up in Corpus Christi and knew only my closest SA relatives. We're actually third cousins but in our hearts are closer than that, close enough that we've granted each other favorite-cousin status. Of course, we've both lived in San Antonio forever now and, as we've matured, know to appreciate our precious time together. We've been meeting monthly for lunch, and we plan to get together soon with Candes."

Another San Antonian, **Lynne Williams Neave**, surpassed the ultimate loyalty challenge when she bought yet another ticket to see our daughter-in-law, Carol, in "Mamma Mia" on Broad-

way. It was Lynne's third time seeing the show. What a friend! Lynne and Sandy still lead their exciting Manhattan lives, which often seem like some lovely, sophisticated movie. Lynnie said that **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** had called and that her sister, **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60, had an aneurysm and was in a coma. She has since recovered and is doing quite well considering the trauma she suffered.

We hope to get back East again to see our son, Don, in a couple of shows at the Maine State Musical Theatre and maybe get in visits with **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** in Wilton, Maine, and Lynne in New York City. Peggy is still running back and forth to Florida to see her mom. We will now have to see how far we can wander from my mom, but we're going to try for those "right coast" reunions this summer.

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From Ann:

In December, I received a note from **Kathie Flattery Smith** that **Mary "Robin" White Waters** had telephoned her hoping that they could get together for lunch after the holidays. Robin lives in Wilmington, N.C. Kathie, **Mary Wolff "Wolffie" Maddrey Isenhour** and I have often discussed getting our act together to try to meet in Wilmington. I hope Robin can join us. Kathie also got in touch with **Bonnie Booker Kinzer**, who lives in the same area near Southport, N.C., as Kathie. Bonnie and **Joan Akers Rothgeb** were able to reconnect, thanks to Kathie. Joan wrote later that Bonnie sent a picture of the nursing class that included many women who started out with us at MWC in fall 1958. Joan was looking forward to what has become an annual reunion that she enjoys at Virginia Beach with **Sue Grandy Farrar**, **Mary Lott Haglund**, **Donna Floyd Parker**, **Gale Taylor Hickerson** and **Betsy Carper Cole** the end of July 2003. Joan later sent the news that she will not be working full time when September 2003 rolls around. Joan has submitted her retirement papers to Nelson County but hopes to stay on in the same capacity as now but on a part-time basis.

Lois Hartman started her Christmas cards four days prior to the holidays last year. She had been busy working part time, but I would hope that the pace has abated somewhat so that she can again visit us. Lois also reminded me that **Donna Stevens Boyd** still has MWC coloring books that we can purchase. These books were drawn by **Nancy Slonim Aronie** '63, when she was a student at Mary Washington. The drawings are a hoot. Contact me if you are interested in a copy and I will send you the necessary information.

Julianne Meyerhoffer Loftin Adkins, who attended MWC for two years, died in early March after a valiant struggle against cancer. **Helen Alexion James** had grown especially close to Julianne in the years that they both lived in the Virginia Beach/Tidewater area. I worked in Seacobeck Dining Hall the same time as Julianne, and it was there that I first got to know her. I shall always remember her as a tall, elegant blond with a dynamite smile. Julianne's ashes were scattered in the Chesapeake Bay, which she loved, as she wished. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Carper Cole**, **Pat Mackey Taylor**, and **Maggie Walker MacAllister** were among those who sent messages expressing their sadness to learn of Julianne's death. Betsy realized, when she read the last issue of class notes, that **Jane Walshe McCracken** lives in Tustin, Calif., where her "grands" and their parents live. Betsy hopes to get together with Jane the next time she is there visiting.

Beverley Sulpice Persell sent the happy news that their family has increased with the arrival of Kate, born in February to their son, Jeff, and his wife, Liz. Beverley and Bob had a delightful week in Jamaica in June. In July, Beverley spent two weeks in France in Toulouse and the Dordogne at a teachers' workshop. They toured the caves of Lascaux and Peche Merle that had bison, woolly mammoth, horse, fish and antelope drawings on the walls from 15,000 years ago.

I received the nicest note from Jim Schmidt, **Rebecca Ward Schmidt**'s husband, after my condolence note finally caught up with him. Jim wrote, "Rebecca was truly a beauty and so very intelligent (I find it hard to believe that she would marry me)." Jim went on to say that he has remarried. The lady is the widow of his best friend from his early Marine Corps days. He and Joan travel a lot, play golf and enjoy their grandchildren. They now reside in the St. Louis, Mo., area. **Peggy Hobart Mailler** was delighted to have Jim's address, as she'd lost contact with him after Rebecca's death. Peg's son-in-law is a Navy aviator stationed at Pt. Mugu and was (and possibly still is) involved in the war with Iraq. As with all the men and women in harm's way, we hope that he and all the others come home safely. Peggy's son and daughter-in-law have decided to foster-parent at-risk babies. The daughter-in-law is a veterinarian, and she and Peggy's son have taken in unwanted animals for years, so Peggy thinks they decided to expand to humans.

Louise Dunn Fuqua saw her grandson the end of May, when the family converged for a family wedding. Louise also wrote that she happened to be watching a biography of Julia Louise Dreyfus in which several people were interviewed, one of whom looked very much like our classmate, **Judith Walsh White**, who has been lost lo these many years. Louise believes that Ms. Dreyfus studied under Judy at a school in the Maryland area.

Donna Stevens Boyd is still troubled with severe back pain and is searching for ways to find some relief. Keep her in your thoughts! She and Harold have put their farmhouse (with all the steps) on the market and will move into a one-story home that will be more convenient for them both, once construction is completed. They believe/hope that the farmhouse will sell quickly, as similar properties are in short supply and recent highway improvements will place their house within an easy commute to the Northern Virginia/D.C. area. Donna wrote that she will miss her garden at the old property but is excited about having a sun garden, as opposed to the shade one she presently has.

Lewis Drew, **Nellie Peyronnet Drew**'s husband, is coping, although he misses Nell greatly. He sent me a color copy of an excellent article on Nell that appeared in the Hampden-Sydney "Record." Nell was loved by the many students who were fortunate enough to know her at the college. The article included a favorite recipe of Nell's that she frequently used to feed the students that she and Lewis entertained. It is an ice-cream pie and sounds delicious. I loved her notation that the recipe will be "Enough for eight students or 10-12 normal people." If you want her recipe, contact me and I will be happy to pass it on. Nell and Lewis came to our reunion last year and, though the event tired her, she enjoyed seeing everyone. We were all sad to learn that she left us in November 2002.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice sent the happy news that Samuel Fitzmaurice Schulman arrived in April 2003. I was so happy to hear from Marcia, as her new address in D.C. turned up lost when I went to a new computer system. Marcia later wrote that she and **Carolyn Powell Piotrowski** were getting together for lunch. Marcia wrote: "We are settling in. Did a lot of travel...thrilled with the new grandson and enjoying being closer to his older brother."

Sue Katz Lieberman and Ed are finally going to have a grandchild. Ed has bought a digital camera in anticipation of the blessed event. Both Sue and Ed are "over the moon" at the prospect of a grandchild to spoil and love, courtesy of son Jim and his wife.

Diana Copple Smith has a good reason to travel to Wilmington frequently now that her daughter, Amy, and Amy's husband, Troy, have settled in the port city.

I got together with **Emily Lewis**, Helen Alexion James, **Judith Lewis Clark** '61 and our respective spouses at Helen and Gus James' lovely home in Virginia Beach in early spring. It was a miracle that we managed to coordinate our schedules to come the same weekend! It was a joy to be together again and to meet some of the James' close Virginia Beach friends, as well. The men played golf while we bonded. Emily's husband, Tony Andres, had suffered a severe break in his leg when he slipped on black ice one wintry morning at the Batesville, Va., church, where he is the retired Episcopal priest. Tony is presently in therapy, and we all hope that he will make a full recovery. Helen's mother grows more frail, which is understandable, as the lady is 90.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson continues with her busy schedule. Robbie's mother has been ill, and he and the rest of his siblings are taking turns helping on Long Island, a long commute for him. Nancy keeps the home fires burning in California and stays busy with choir, church, walk group, volunteer work, etc.

In August 2002, Jerry and I moved from our condo, where we'd been happy and comfortable for a number of years, to a regular house on the Sound side of Emerald Isle. It is the best thing we ever did! The children have plenty of room when they visit, Jerry has a garage, and I have a studio. From being in a no-mow situation at the condo, we've now gone to a rider mower, push mower, edger, blower, etc. I have a lot of flowers to take care of, and we've planted a small vegetable garden that is now producing. We had little to no furniture when we left the condo, because it was sold furnished. It was fun to seek out bargains and stuff to fill up the new place. Wolffie was a great help in this department, as she applied her magic touches and brought all these orphan pieces of furniture into a pleasing and comfortable arrangement. Wolffie has suffered some setbacks in the health department this spring, but she appears to be doing better and continues to be the positive and dynamic lady that we all love. The new library that she has worked so hard to bring to our community was expected to be dedicated this September, with an actual move-in set for some time in July. It is a beautiful facility and a tribute to this remarkable woman. The end of June, I will be flying to Italy for a two-week painting course. I am so excited about this opportunity. I understand from others that the course is like a summer camp, but is a painter's dream as all meals, transportation, etc., are taken care of and the student simply savors the scenery and paints!

Do keep in touch, and send news!

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As **Barbara "Linkey" Booth Green** was in the process of moving to Pennsylvania and was unable to attend the reunion, I am filling in a little early to give you a reunion report. I am sorry that more of you were unable to come and share such a wonderful weekend with our classmates. It was great to see so many familiar faces again. Those of us who were there, I am sure, came away with renewed love of the MWC campus. Due to so much rain all spring, the grounds were very lush and green. It really felt like a homecoming. And the weather was beautiful! We went back to see our dorms, shopped in the bookstore, ate in Seacobeck, and saw the new buildings, all the while remembering together. We hope to make our next reunion — in May 2008, so mark your calendars — even more fun! We hope to have an evening class party, with a lot of pictures of our days at MWC posted for all to see, and more time for visiting as a group. **Linda Vogt Musselman** will be heading the next reunion committee, so get your ideas to her. **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel** will be editing the next booklet, so we hope to have more good news to share by then.

I want to recognize two of our classmates that have served Mary Washington well. **Suellen Grant Knowles** is serving a second term on the Board of Visitors. Honored at the banquet on Saturday night was **Patricia Branstetter Revere**. She and **Judith Henley Beck** '68 received the **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** '36 Service Award. More about this award can be found on the MWC Web site. Thank you to both of these classmates for all the time that they have contributed. We are proud of you!

I will be taking over as class agent, so please start e-mailing me your news. I want to hear about your retirement, trips, grandbabies, recognition you receive, whatever you want to share.

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Greetings, classmates! Judy has recovered from her chemo regime. She and husband Chris are reliving their adolescence with their 13-year-old granddaughter, Claire, and her mother, Sarah, a mental health professional, who live with them. Barbara has been elected president of the Woodley Park Community Association, a civic corporation for 7000 Northwest Washington, D.C., residents. She, too, is now living with her adult son, Scott, who graduated from Boston U., double-majoring in math and economics and pursuing a career with his band, which performs state-wide and in the Canadian provinces.

We have had wonderful lunches with **Margaret Goode Watkins**, and our question is — what kind of magic keeps the Virginia belles so beautiful? Margaret entertained us with stories and photos of our past and brought us up to the present with an album of her handsome husband and sons.

Carolyn Hawker Ginsberg teaches art in Connecticut and recently had a showing of her work. Her three daughters are now launched on their own careers. **Sue Rowe Bunting** and Judy burned up the phone wires between Bethesda and New Hampshire catching up with each other since their last vacation together.

Plan, plan, plan to attend our 40th reunion in June 2004! Hope to see you there.

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Greetings, Classmates. First of all, let's all congratulate our long-time reunion organizer, **Barbara Bishop Mann**, for successfully completing her 35-year career. Bobbi has transitioned from her busy life as an elementary school teacher in Richmond, Va., to that of a retiree. She has been asked to be on the council of the CEA-R and will be the parliamentarian for the CEA of Chesterfield County. Bobbi said that her primary concerns will be taking care of herself and husband Robert, taking time for some long-awaited traveling, and to smell the roses along the way.

Carol Pettigrew Hallman in Great Falls, Va., and her suitemates had their second annual suite reunion in Nags Head, N.C., last October. **Sarah "Sally" Albrecht Brennan, Julie Bondurant Freeman** and **Prentiss Davies Murphy** '67 completed the foursome. They had their first suite-reunion shortly before our class reunion in June 2001 and so enjoyed reading about themselves in the alumni news that they have updated their activities. Sgt. Prentiss, who has a condo in Nags Head, took them on a forced climb up Jockey's Ridge in a 30-mph gale just to prove that they are still young at heart. They also gabbed, reinstated the after-dinner bridge game, shared two bedrooms with a bath in-between, just like old times, and they are all still on good speaking terms. One of the weekend highlights was a trip to Manteo, where they purchased the new sunglasses with magnifiers built in, enabling them to look fashionable while still being able to read. Their next stop was a visit to Julie's home outside Charleston, S.C., with an itinerary to visit every mansion and plantation available. Julie is a docent at Middleton Plantation. All four ladies strongly recommend suite get-togethers as a wonderful opportunity to rediscover how little we've all changed.

Paula Scarborough Dahut, having had too many years without communicating with MWC, felt compelled to write from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., after reading our last alumni news. Learning that classmates have battled cancer made her want to send out a warning to all to have a diagnostic colonoscopy if they haven't already done so. Paula has passed her fifth year after being diagnosed and treated for third stage colon cancer. She is at this point one of the lucky ones. She feels that if she had had a colonoscopy at age 50 she would not have had cancer — Katie Couric is totally correct. Paula also reported that husband Bob retired, and they subsequently moved from Bainbridge Island, Wash., to Florida four years ago. Their older daughter, Courtney, is married to a professor at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. Their younger daughter, Alexis, lives in Cambridge, Mass., and was planning to be married at their home in Florida during the summer. Paula is enjoying the retirement scene but finds herself surprised to be at this stage of her life, mainly because she is so grateful to have made it this far.

Ginny Bateman Brinkley also proudly announced that she has a clean bill of health after battling breast cancer, and yes, she did go waterskiing six weeks after her surgery! She was also very helpful with pertinent information and moral support to help our family cope with a daughter that was diagnosed just before Easter with malignant brain tumors. At this writing, we are still battling the melanoma but are hopeful for a complete recovery. Ginny has been busy sorting through all the stuff her mother has accumulated over the years, having moved her mother to an assisted-living facility after 31 years in the same house. An interesting by-product of her sorting is that she has discovered her grandmother was born and raised near Culpeper, Va. Since her maiden name was Rixey, Ginny is finding out all she can about Rixeyville, Culpeper and Front Royal in preparation for a trip next year to do some personal searching for relatives and ancestors. If any of you Virginians know this area or this family, including Hall and Morehead names, please get Ginny's address from me and share your information with her.

Susana Roth Nurin, another cancer survivor, wrote that life is good in Annapolis, Md. Her mother stayed with her for several months due to construction on the family home on Long Island, N.Y., making her large empty nest much more bearable than last year. Susana had returned from a 15-day summer vacation cruise from Florida through the islands and a thousand miles up the Amazon shortly before her mother arrived. Susana continues to teach Spanish in a local high school in Annapolis and still loves it. Daughter Tamara is a TV newscaster who is kept moving from city to city during these early years of her career, so she has no intentions for marriage yet. Son Justin finished a master's degree in music at the U. of Missouri and has been accepted to Peabody, the Johns Hopkins school of music, for his doctorate in trumpet performance.

Another music major, **Winnie Woodson Stribling**, wrote from Alamo, Calif., that she still works toward retirement in 2005 and still enjoys ringing hand-bells and directing a children's handbell choir for second- to fifth-graders. Daughter Sarah, who will graduate high school in 2006, enjoys singing in the school chorus. Husband Brad went to the doctor about a sore throat and wound up in the hospital for quintuple bypass surgery, so Winnie continues to count her blessings and is grateful for the outstanding medical care that is available nowadays. Aside from spending time at their cabin at Lake Tahoe during the summer, Winnie planned a week in August to go to Guatemala on behalf of the Methodist church to assist a Mayan Indian medical clinic with hearing screenings for the natives.

Liz Almy Davis and husband Dick traveled during the spring to Savannah and the low country of Georgia and South Carolina when everything was lovely. The trip was wonderful, jam-packed with good food and places. Then it was on to the U. of Rhode Island in May for son Jeff's graduation, followed by his search for employment.

Linda Mitchell Spiers wrote from Hartford, Conn., that things continue to go well with her ministry in the Episcopal cathedral there. She delights in reading about our classmates and sends best wishes to all of you even though she admits she's not good about keeping in touch. Linda also has been very supportive in our family cancer battle, and we are truly grateful.

Our small world department reveals that **Robbie James East**, who manages a magnifi-

cent floral business called Field of Flowers in Purcellville, Va., is providing the flowers for the wedding for the daughter of a long-standing teacher friend of mine. Chris and I were working on her mother-of-the-bride silk dress when she received a call from Robbie to discuss floral arrangements. Robbie keeps extremely busy with her business but has set aside time for a fall luncheon with fellow home ec majors **Lois Rucker Scott**, **Clara Middleton Leigh** '63 and me. Even though I was the math major, I think I do more sewing than they do, and we have a lot of interesting things to talk about. Lois had a rough year dealing with arthritis, tendonitis and a damaged rotator cuff in her right shoulder. She was purposely avoiding surgery until her daughter announced that the first grandchild was due in June, so Lois immediately signed up for surgery, suffered through the long weeks of physical therapy and worked hard to be able to carry out her new duties as grandma.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach enjoys keeping her 2-year-old grandson on Saturdays. Sandy has changed jobs from software proposal and contract writing to working with a real-estate settlement company and finds it refreshing to be working with a "bunch of frenetic youngsters," who don't even break for lunch. Sandy claimed that time with Riley provides the needed attitude adjustment at the end of the week for her to continue working these last few years before retirement. Sandy's younger son, Brandon, moved his family to Bosnia last year for a temporary assignment and is expecting a second child. Despite the distance, Brandon and family have been able to visit home twice, summoning the rest of the family also, so Sandy has had more than one houseful of guests. Fortunately, she thrives on that!

Betsy Chappelear Tryon reported during her spring break from year-round teaching in Redondo Beach, Calif., that daughter Maureen and granddaughter Madeline had bought a house only a block and a half away. Betsy also enjoys having a 2-year-old around frequently as a welcome change from her second-grade pupils.

Pam Kearney Patrick wrote last spring that she and husband TaB were knee deep in gardening projects at their new home near Mount Vernon, Va. Pam also reported that they had bought a place at her childhood summer home in Cape May, N.J., and were busily working to furnish it for the summer season. Somehow during all this activity, TaB has managed to earn another master's degree in Internet technology, and continues to work in Old Town Alexandria. The two of them are avid runners who cover three to five miles daily. Pam, do you even know the word "retirement"?

Eileen Goddard Albrigo's daughter, Liz, lives near the Pentagon and works for the National Academy of Sciences, only three metro stops from her apartment. Kevin and Leigh have moved to a golfing community in Ashburn, Va., and both work nearby. Elder son, Todd, and wife Carrie with grandson Joseph, a perpetual delight, are also very close. Eileen cheerfully announced the arrival of her second grandson in April. Eileen's parents live nearby in Springfield, Va., and are closely involved with the family, but husband John's parents oscillate between Syracuse and Hilton Head, always stopping in as they pass through the area. Although both Eileen and John are still working, they have been involved in building a house on their country property with a projected completion date of summer 2003.

In February, Hank and I joined our aging AF ski club members on the annual winter excursion in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Ski Council. Two-hundred-seventy of us flew to Lake Tahoe and enjoyed a week of exquisite skiing and breathtaking scenery. Unfortunately, I hit an icy spot late in the week and slipped over the edge, sliding feet first about a quarter of a mile until I slammed into a boulder. Consequently, I spent the next four months on crutches recovering from a shattered knee, enjoying the constant attention of family and friends, reading, knitting seven sweaters, watching all the movies I had missed in recent years, and completing several crossword-puzzle books. By the time this article is printed, I hope to be walking again without the leg brace. Despite the discomfort and inconvenience, I can only count my many blessings, which include the birth of our 19th grandchild last winter. Life is good!

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Our 35th reunion was a fantastic weekend, in spite of the overcast, windy weather! What a group of incredible women we are. If you weren't there to experience every special moment of our time together, (most of it spent laughing!), pack your tiara and don't miss the 40th in 2008. (If you're in the dark about needing the tiara, contact **Pam Tompkins Huggins**). **Donna Sheehan Gladis** was the 2003 class reunion coordinator and did a fantastic job — thanks again from all of us who attended, Donna!

Here are updates on some of the classmates that attended, and some that didn't attend but sent news. **Carolyn Monti Turnbull** still lives in Springfield, Va., with her husband of 34 years, Larry, and their grown son. She is now self-employed, making wearable art (vests, jackets, dusters) and selling them at craft fairs.

Carolyn Ramsey Rickert has moved back home to Virginia for the first time since 1968. Older daughter, Elizabeth, has one more year of work on her master of divinity degree at Emory's Candler School of Theology. Younger daughter, Linda, will be a senior at Cornell. With the nest almost empty, Carolyn is enjoying developing her personal finance organization business.

Kyra Krombein moved to Minneapolis in 1998 to pursue a residency in chaplaincy at Hennipin County Medical Center, a level 1 trauma center. She is "recovering from burnout," and would like to return to hospice chaplaincy. Kyra's husband passed away in 1994. Daughter Liz Walker lives in Madison, Wis., and works as a cartographer. Son Bill Walker, a hydrologist, his wife and 3-year-old son live in Columbia, Md. Kyra is active in peace and justice endeavors in Minneapolis.

Carol Lee Hawtin started out with our class but graduated in 1975. She is a social worker at the Naval Academy and loves living and sailing in Annapolis. This was her first reunion, and she promises never to miss another one. "This is unquestionably the most beautiful campus on the planet," she said, "and it was a privilege to go to school here." A sentiment we all share.

Mary Lou Hull Soper lives in Burke, Va., with her husband, Mike; both work for the Department of Defense and are looking forward to retiring in three years. They have two grown sons, Randy and Scott. Randy is married and has two girls, Rachel and Emma. After raising two boys, Mary and Mike love spoiling their granddaughters with frilly things!

Sandra Flint Anderson works for Alaska Airlines in Seattle, Wash. She has two married sons, Chris and Todd, and two equally wonderful daughters-in-law. **Lucinda Long** is still a bank attorney in West Orange, N.J. Her son, Joseph, is a sophomore at Harvard.

Elizabeth Morgan Golladay Miller is a part-time library assistant at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach, Del. Liz now goes by her middle name — Morgan. She enjoys gardening, reading and watercolor.

Sandra Phelps Hammond is a Spanish teacher for Pinellas County Schools and St. Petersburg College, Fla. She and husband William are parents to Jennifer and Jonathan. Sandy enjoys traveling to Spain each summer with her students and is currently working on national board certification for teachers.

Barbara Jean Price Wallach, associate professor of classical studies at the U. of Missouri, was recently awarded the 2003 Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. Barbara has been a faculty member since 1980. In a recent press release, Barbara was recognized for "emphasizing student involvement in the learning process by engaging her students in lively classroom discussions and reenactments of historical events. She shows a level of compassion and warmth that is often unmatched by her peers and is considered an unofficial mentor; a selfless person who cares sincerely about other people, not just what they're learning, but on how they're feeling." Barbara's professional awards include the Purple Chalk Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1987 and a 1990 faculty/alumni award. Upon graduating from MWC, she earned a master of arts in classics and Ph.D. in classical philology at the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Lynn Shelby Kickingbird and her husband, Kirke, live in Edmond, Okla. They have two children — Paul and Lauren. Lynn is a self-employed nonprofit consultant for management and small businesses through her company, Kickingbird Associates. Her husband is an attorney. Lynn is very involved with her church and is active in the nonprofit sector in Oklahoma. Lynn has published articles in Nonprofit Governance & Management and in Chicago-American Bar Association, 2002. In 1987 she co-authored a book with her husband — *Indians & The U.S. Constitution: A Forgotten Legacy*. In addition to writing, Lynn enjoys the opera, cooking and gardening.

Marilyn Wheeler Hiatt lives in Silver Spring, Md., and works as an instructional assistant for Montgomery County schools. She loves having the opportunities to teach with none of the hassles of being a certified teacher! Husband Bob shows no signs of retiring from the Library of Congress. Son Jeremy is a chemist and lives close by.

Jane Walenta Rehl was presented her Ph.D. at Emory U. in Atlanta in May 2003. She now lives on one of the islands in Savannah, which she loves. She is a professor of art history at Savannah College of Art and Design and was unable to attend the reunion because of commencement.

Betsy Witmer Roberson and her husband have lived in Richmond since 1972. She is the principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, and John owns a Baskin Robbins ice cream store. They have two children. Beth is a Spanish teacher in Nashville, and Brian is a graduate of Catawba College and lives in Wilmington, N.C.

I also heard that **Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness** '69 is living in San Francisco. After her husband, Sam, passed away in 2000, she took some time off after working 14 years as a travel agent. She planned daughter Carolyn's 2001 wedding and has now returned to work part time as assistant to a Northwestern Mutual financial representative and was taking an income tax prepara-

tion course. She and Sam also have a daughter, Kristin, (Carolyn's twin), and a son, Jeff.

Frances Scavullo has lived in Manhattan since 1969, when she moved in with her college roommate, **Pat MacCauley Volini**. Franny completed a master's at NYU and in 1986 earned a certificate in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. Married to Gordon Tsou, a retired banker, since 1991, she has a part-time private practice. Franny enjoys traveling and her home on the New Jersey shore. Franny also included news of several other classmates, including Pat, who lives in Westfield, N.J., and is married to Dominick, a psychologist. They have two children: Gianna is a social worker, and Dom has graduated from the U. of Vermont. Pat worked in marketing for American Express for many years, is an excellent gardener and gourmet cook and travels extensively. **Betty Scott Pope** married Joe, whom she met while teaching in Virginia Beach in 1969, after he returned from Vietnam. He taught at Central Michigan State, while Betty has been a resource teacher for talented and gifted children. Both are now retired, have a lakefront home in Northport, Mich., and are considering moving to the Northeast in the winter. Their youngest daughter, Jodie, does pharmaceutical research, just had her first baby and lives in Boston; older daughter, Mary Beth, has completed her Ph.D. in writing at the U. of Iowa and will teach at Notre Dame College in Baltimore, Md.

Sue Reed married George Culp, her high-school/college sweetheart, in 1969. They live in East Hampton, Conn., where Sue loves teaching first grade and George is a school administrator. Julie, their oldest daughter, is married and teaches in Portland, Ore.; younger daughter, Jessica, teaches and does musical theater in Lyndonville, Vt.

Margaret Chastek, who attended MWC junior and senior years, married a career Marine, Dick Kurth. He is retired from the Corps, and they live in Laguna Beach, Calif., where Margaret has a successful interior decorating company and Dick works in the finance department for the city of Newport Beach. Their daughter, Amy, lives and works in Colorado, and daughter Carly was married in September 2002 and works in Silicon Valley.

Finally, I still live in Glenwood Springs, Colo., with my husband, Ash, who manages a security company. I left my job in April and decided to take a little break from my education career. Ash is worried that I am enjoying myself a little too much — I honestly don't know how I found the time to work! My latest endeavors include golf lessons and a tap dancing class. This summer I had the opportunity to spend a lot of quality time with my precious little grandchildren.

At the reunion, **Mary Margaret Marston Monroe** wrote, "What fun it was to pretend we're young and fancy free again! We truly are the wild and crazy class — but the best class. I'm putting May 2008 on my calendar now!" I hope each of you will do the same.

If you were unable to attend reunion and would like a copy of the Class of 1968 booklet, please call the Alumni Office to request a copy.

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Mary Andrews Wheatley was honored recently by the Boys' Home board of trustees by means of a resolution expressing their appreciation for her distinguished service to the home and her dedication in helping to ensure that those at the home find compassion, wisdom and strength for the challenges ahead. Mary has served at the Boys' Home since 1985. After graduation, Mary taught elementary school in Christiansburg, Va., and the Alleghany Highlands. Her husband, Donnie, is the executive director of Boys' Home. They have two sons and one grandchild.

At least once a year, at a beach cottage she and her husband, Hop, own in Nags Head, N.C., **Conde Palmore Hopkins** gets together with **Linda Holt Armstrong**, **Linda Gattis Shull** '69 and **Barbara Burton Micou** '69. In addition, she and Linda Armstrong have lunch together frequently. Linda A.'s daughters, Erin and Annie, both became engaged within months of each other, so Linda is immersed in wedding planning. Conde's son, Ryan, was married in June 2001, and he and his wife are teaching in Baltimore, Md. Her younger son, Haden, graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1999 and is a computer programmer with Imaging Solutions in Richmond, Va. Conde is still working with Hop in their business, Trio Fasteners, after retiring from 22 years of teaching in Hanover County, Va. She plays golf on occasion and goes to the beach whenever possible. Conde ran into **Alison Heartwell** earlier this year. Alison continues to work in her library job in Fredericksburg. She has a daughter at William & Mary and twins, who are still in high school.

Classmate gatherings were a frequent occurrence in the news I received. Last March **Susan Duffey DiMaina**, **Kathy Thiel**, **Tina Kormanski Krause**, **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos**, and **Mary T. Bradley** '71 attended a talk given by MWC President Anderson in the Tysons Corner area and then, over dinner, discussed how impressed they all were by the changes and improvements being made at MWC. Tina and her husband, Paul, have moved to McLean, Va., after 18 years in Clifton and are enjoying their short commute. Their daughters, Lindsay, a lawyer, and Megan, an event planner, live nearby. Last year Tina underwent thoracic surgery to remove a suspicious nodule from her right lung. It was benign, and she has completely recovered now. After 10 years as an elementary librarian in Fairfax County Schools, she is now employed as the lower-school librarian at The Potomac School, a private school in McLean, where she teaches kindergarten through third grade. Tina said that she loves spending the summers at a Delaware beach.

My thanks to Kathi O. for sending in news of **Alexandra Tomalonis**. Alex has completed a book on the dancer, Henning Kronstam, and it has been published to very enthusiastic reviews. The book focuses on the person as well as the techniques and is titled *Henning Kronstam: Portrait of a Danish Dancer*.

Later in March, **Karen Anderson Muszynski** and Susan drove to Richmond for what sounded like an overnight slumber party at **Francie Cone Caldwell**'s home. They had dinner at a wonderful Italian restaurant and were joined by **Karen Stifft Carroll**, **Margaret Muse Carpenter**, **Cean Wightman Cawthorn** and **Sarah Carter Collier**. Susan noted that it had been decades since she had seen the latter three women, and everyone had fun catching up. A week later Susan had lunch with **Barbara Bingley**, who is having major renovations done to her condo. In May 2002, Susan and her husband spent three weeks working on a vintage 1963 home that they had just bought. Susan indicated that she is probably going back to teaching high-school English after 10 years at home raising her daughter, Caitlin, who will be in eighth grade this fall. Susan said if anyone wants to help her grade papers, she'll accept the offer!

Judy Cunningham Dotson sent the exciting news that she and her husband, Steve, are going to be first-time grandparents this fall. Her stepdaughter, Dodie, was previously employed as a speech pathologist at a private clinic in Christiansburg, and her husband, Marty, taught at Radford U. Earlier this year, however, Marty accepted an engineering position with a firm outside of Pittsburgh. Judy wrote that she and Steve will be getting to know that part of the country very well; and if any classmates would care to share areas of interest or special restaurants in the Pittsburgh area, she would be most grateful!

I received some sad news from **Julie Porter** '74. Her sister, our classmate, **Patricia "Poppy" Porter Ganey**, died from breast cancer in February 2003. Julie wrote that Poppy was a devoted mother of two and worked as a social worker for the cities of Virginia Beach and Newport News. We sincerely offer our condolences to Julie and Poppy's family.

Eleanor Lanford Mills and her husband, David, have been in Charlottesville since 1976, when he joined the economics faculty at U.Va. He now serves as the department chair. Eleanor worked in career planning during their years at Stanford and when they first moved to Charlottesville. She took several years off to raise her two boys and then went to work for one of the few women building contractors in the state. She now works for the office of undergraduate admission at U.Va., where she has been employed for the last three years.

Eleanor also does volunteer work at her church and in their community. Their son, Andrew, was graduated from U.Va. in 2001 and currently does laboratory research in infectious diseases at U.Va. Medical Center. Their youngest son, Jonathan, was graduated earlier this year from U.Va.

Sue Keblusek retired in 1998 from the federal government and moved from Alameda, Calif., to Langley, Wash., on beautiful Whidbey Island. She lives on the water in the village and enjoys watching the whales from the seawall. Sue spends much of her time volunteering and is very involved with the Whidbey Institute on the island, especially their Spirited Work program. Last summer Sue was planning to visit the MWC campus for the first time since graduation. In addition, her nephew, Scott, a VMI graduate, got married to an MWC graduate!

Faye Carrithers Roberts has been living in north central Florida since 1983. After a few years of using her sociology degree in social work in Kentucky and Virginia, Faye became a childbirth educator. In 1985 she started working with a rural public library literacy program, and in 1991 Faye earned an M.S. degree in library science. Since 1994 she has been the director of the Columbia County Public Library in Lake City, Fla. Faye is currently the secretary of the Florida Library Association and is active in Altrusa International. Faye's husband, Claude, is a North Florida native, and they have been married for 31 years. Their daughter works for Invesco in Atlanta, and their son is an engineer with Universal Engineering Sciences in Orlando.

Faye hears from **Judy Mahanes** every Christmas. Judy is still teaching in the Washington, D.C., area.

Martha Veasey Sawyer is excited about her new home on 35 acres on a mountainside in Christiansburg, Va. She says her backyard is like a nature center. Martha and her husband, Roger, both retired in 2001. Martha taught for 30 years, and Roger worked in school food service for the State Department of Education. She has three stepdaughters and five grandchildren! Martha

and her suitemates, **Kaye Webster Gary**, **Mary Jane Johnson Tyler** and **Diane Sampson Luttrell**, got together for the first time as a group at our 30th reunion. The following year they and their spouses attended Martha and Roger's wedding, and the group now gets together every year! Kaye remains very active as a dancer. She and actress/dancer Melanie Richards created a dance/drama titled "Picasso's Women: Goddesses and Doormats." After two years of preparation, the production opened last spring at the Barksdale Theatre.

Earlier this year **Ellen Grace Jaronczyk** and her husband, Bob, flew to California to visit their son and his family, including their adorable granddaughter. They stayed at Fess Parker's resort in Santa Barbara and had their photo taken with ole Davy Crockett himself! Their other son, Morgan, was married in February. He and his wife, Lesley, bought a plantation near Fredericksburg that was built in 1734! Morgan is working at GEICO and earning his master's in business administration from JMC.

Kathy Hichak Sikes and her husband, Randy, are settling in their new home in Williamsburg, Va., after moving often with the military over the years. After graduation, Kathy married Randy, who graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point. While Randy attended Emory Medical School in Atlanta, Kathy taught second grade for three years in the Dekalb County School system and earned a graduate degree in elementary education at Georgia State U. She was a stay-at-home mom for the next 20 years and stayed active volunteering in her children's various schools and activities. Kathy chaperoned several school trips to France and Quebec! About 10 years ago she began substitute teaching in the schools her children attended. Kathy said she has dabbled in cake decorating, sewing, piano, reading clubs, the performing arts, and Boy and Girl Scouts. She and Randy have four grown children. Kathy keeps in touch with **Linda Lawrence Behrens**, who lives in the Annapolis area with her husband.

Mary Ann Martin Lowery has two children and is the proud grandmother of Ashley. She's very happy that they all live in the Richmond area, where she can see them often. After graduation, Mary Ann taught elementary music in Henrico County and, more recently, in Chesterfield County. She took 13 years off to be home with her children. Mary Ann has served as the president of the Virginia Elementary Music Educators Association and has earned her M.Ed. She is currently serving as the assistant principal of Bon Air Elementary School in Chesterfield County.

Martha Pickard Zink and her husband, Rip, celebrated their 33rd anniversary earlier this year, and they divide their time between Baltimore, Bethany and Kiawah Island, S.C. Their son, Matt, was married last November, and his brother, Doug, was his best man. Matt lives in Baltimore and is a mortgage banker. Doug lives in Charlottesville and is a builder specializing in restoration of historic homes. Martha has pursued her painting and mostly does watercolor commissions of all subjects but loves doing landscapes and animals best.

Adrienne Whyte sent me a news release about her selection as Lady Fairfax for the Dranesville District. It is an honorary post given each year for spirit of volunteerism and commitment to community. Adrienne is the second vice president of the McLean Citizens Association and chairman of its planning and zoning committee. She is a founding member and president of the McLean Land Conservancy Inc., a land trust formed to promote land and cultural preservation and conservation. Adrienne is also a member of the board of directors of McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia's 400th, a pilot group chartered by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to plan and sponsor celebrations of local history and the founding of Jamestown in 1607. An avid aficionado of day lilies, Adrienne has been a garden judge, exhibition judge, and judging instructor and has held leadership positions in several plant societies and garden clubs. She has earned three degrees in psychology: a B.A. from MWC, an M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from American U. In addition, Adrienne is president of QUEST Resources, a small company that provides facilitation, business and systems consulting, project management and training services.

I received a note from **Beverly Alexander Lawson**'s sister, Cathy, informing me that Bev appears in a book titled *Top Texas Teachers* by Dorothy McConachie. The book profiles 35 top educators across the state of Texas, and Cathy said that the whole family is so proud to see this salute to her. Bev teaches chemistry and AP chemistry at the prestigious Hockaday School in Dallas. She and her husband, Randy, have three sons and two daughters and live in Dallas.

In February **Edith "Dibby" Clark** sent a short e-mail while en route from Frankfurt, Germany, to the U.S. She was pretty excited about being on a plane that was a pilot for Internet communications while the plane was in flight! Dibby had a lengthy stay in Almunecar, Spain, visiting her parents and friends and enjoying great weather, a relaxed atmosphere, good food and long walks on the beach.

Since our 30th reunion, **Martha Christian Santoro** and husband Mike have moved to Graz, which is in the southern part of Austria. They are both learning to speak German. Mike is working for an American company that purchased an Austrian packaging firm, and Martha is teaching a little English. They are trying to see as much of Europe as they can while they are there. **Edie Morrison Herron** and her husband, Jim, visited them in September 2002 and took in the sights of Vienna and Graz. Edie and Jim continued with a train trip to Salzburg and Innsbruck before heading back to the States.

Judy Wiener Winters retired from the Department of Defense last January after 31 years of employment. She continued to work in the same office as a contractor until her husband retired from the DoD in May. Their plans were to move to a new home on a lake near Lynchburg, Va., in July. Their daughter, Alison, attends Longwood U. Judy attended a mini-reunion in summer 2002 at the home of **Mimi Webb Stout** and her husband. Mimi and Judy ran into each other at a retirement seminar, and that's how they reconnected. Other attendees at Mimi's were **Peggy Hall Brown**, **Lynn Hammes Rayher**, and **Lynne Royston Wine**, along with their husbands.

En route to a conference in Florida in 2002, **Joyce Burcham** saw **Shelley Gunderson Brown** '69 at her home in Raleigh, N.C. Shelley teaches French at a local private school, and her husband, Charlie, is an accomplished cabinetmaker. Joyce visited **Jan Sullivan-Chalmers** at her home in Brighton in Great Britain last January. Jan has a daughter and a son. She works part time with American Express and spends summers at their place in Melbourne, Fla. Joyce retired from medical research in 2002, having worked at universities and state health departments around the world. After living in Sydney, Australia, for 30 years, she has moved to New York City, where she has owned an apartment since 1989. She still owns a lovely Victorian townhouse in Sydney. Joyce took up golf again in 2000. She said that she has a horrendous handicap but a lot of enthusiasm! After her retirement last year, Joyce took a six-month vo-tech course in watchmaking in Pennsylvania Amish country, having inherited her father's watch shop. She recently restored an 1864 pocket watch. Joyce has also become quite interested in the classics, took a Latin poetry course and enrolled in an intensive classical Greek course for the summer.

Kathy Shepherd Mehfoud stays very busy with MWC as she is the president of the alumni association and chair of the College Image and University Name Committee. One of the committee's charges is the preservation of the name of Mary Washington College. Kathy assures us that the College's name will not be changed. The committee will determine a name for the university to encompass Mary Washington College and James Monroe Center, soon to be James Monroe College. The Center has about 800 students of its own, and they want to make sure that its mission is kept separate from the mission of MWC. Earlier this year Kathy spoke at an alumni gathering in San Diego and attended another alumni event in San Francisco.

Kathy is a partner with a national law firm, Reed Smith LLP, and is in the Richmond, Va., office. She does special education law representing school districts. Kathy is currently single after almost 30 years of marriage. Her oldest son, David, is a neuro-radiologist, married with one daughter, and lives in Philadelphia. Her younger son, John, is a database administrator for the Virginia Department of Economic Development and is also married. Daughter Amy was graduated from MWC in 1997, is married, and is an occupational therapist for the Henrico County Public Schools.

After leaving MWC early to marry, **MaryAnn Crowder** completed her undergraduate degree at Avila College in Kansas City, Mo., her master's in public administration at Golden Gate U., with a concentration in administrative theory and management, and then she earned her doctorate in counseling psychology from the U. of Sarasota. She is on the faculty of Schiller International U. as a program evaluator for the distance learning MBA as well as serving as a surveyor/consultant for CARF, the accreditation commission for rehabilitation facilities, in Tucson, Ariz., all while being employed as the clinical services manager for behavioral health at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Fla.! Whew! Mary Ann re-married in November 2002. She and her husband, Nicholas, live comfortably on the water in Clearwater. Her son, Jim, is serving with the Royal Air Force at Lakenheath AFB in England, where assigned by the USAF. Jim is married and has two daughters.

Karen Breeding Peters occasionally sees her former roommate, **Constanze Crea Wales**, who transferred and graduated from the U. of Texas, and her former suitemate, **Nancy Buchanan Perry**. Nancy is married and lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, Sam, who retired as the superintendent of schools in Amelia. Nancy earned her master's degree and is a social worker. Their son, Brad, finished graduate school at JMU. Karen was an assistant U.S. attorney in Roanoke, Va., and prosecuted federal criminal cases for about 20 years. For the last year she has been an administrative law judge and decides social security disability cases, which requires traveling to locations like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to conduct hearings. Her daughter, Laurel, lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Rochele Hirsch is very excited about her successful meeting this year with Georgia's attorney general and his staff about the concepts of using emotional express/release work to significantly reduce domestic violence. She has been involved in this kind of transpersonal psychology for 15 years, beginning in 1987 with the STAR Program in California. Rochele's video conferencing and Web conferencing business, Comm-

Express, is picking up nicely, especially with law firms, and she is continuing the expansion of her work with color and life consulting.

Anne Sommervold LeDoux talks to **Donna Accettullo DeNyse** occasionally. Donna and her husband, Bob, live in Naperville, Ill. Their oldest daughter, Anne, graduated from Boston College this past year, and their other daughter, Mary, is in college. Anne's husband, John, retired from the FBI several years ago and now has his own consulting business, LeDoux Leadership. Anne is still working as a media specialist in Stafford County. Her newest passion in life is golf, which she started playing five years ago. In the summer of 2002, Anne and John took a cruise to Norway and traveled to the North Cape. Their oldest son works for CBS in Phoenix, is getting married this fall and lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. Their youngest son teaches in Stafford County. Anne still enjoys living in the Fredericksburg area and said that the downtown area is still one of her favorite places to shop.

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Carol Matthews Engel wrote that her 84-year-old mother passed away in June 2002. She had been living in a nursing facility near Carol in Virginia Beach. The following month, Carol and husband Richard celebrated 32 years of marriage, which Carol said "is not too bad for a couple that met at a mixer in the Ann Carter Lee Ballroom!" As an extra treat, Carol's suitemate from Randolph Hall, **Diane Reeves**, now known as Holt Reeves, was on a business trip in Virginia Beach and dropped by her home for dinner. After working several years in California, Holt now works in Richmond for the Health Department. They had a great time catching up. Holt had a chance to meet Carol's son, Matthew, and daughter, **Kelly** '00. Matthew teaches history at Grafton High School in York County. Kelly is in her third year of teaching English at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach. In July, she married John A. Boyd at First Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, where both Kelly and John are members of the choir. John is the band director at Princess Anne High School and plays the saxophone and tuba.

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Sherrie Mitchell Boone's daughter, Leighanne, was married in October 2002. The wedding took place at the family farm in a valley near Montvale, which is surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was an outdoor event complete with mild weather and "Amazing Grace" played on the bagpipes. Sherrie's son, Trey, served as best man. As of this fall, he will be starting his third year at Tulane U. At the time of Sherrie's letter, he was considering a major in cultural anthropology. Sherrie keeps very active around the Roanoke area with her work as a piano technician, teaching and other artsy things. In her own words, she enjoys "mixing it up." The family took a trip to Jamaica as well.

Terrell Hall Alford and her family have also had a busy year. She and Marty still live in Fairfax and love gardening as well as their jobs on Capitol Hill. Marty is continuing his congressional relations work for several companies, and Terri has completed her eighth year as executive assistant to Congressman Patrick Kennedy. Her daughter, Michelle, resides in Lake Tahoe with her husband, Chris. Both work for the Heavenly Ski Resort, Michelle in human resources and Chris in Web site management. Apparently Chris is quite the photographer as well. As of March, Terri and Marty became the proud grandparents of a son born to Michelle and Chris. Their other daughter, Mary Beth, has bought a townhouse in Richmond. Last year also found Terri and Marty traveling to Mississippi several times to visit family.

Cheryl Prietz Childress and **Norah Heckman** '73 remain two of my closest friends. Cheryl and her husband, Dave, have a small farm outside of Richmond. Cheryl keeps on the go with her job in the library at Collegiate School in addition to horse shows everywhere. David still works for HUD. Their son, Alex, is in his senior year at Radford U. Their daughter, Thea, has inherited her mother's love of horses and has become quite the equestrienne herself. She will start her sophomore year at Collegiate this fall.

Norah lives in Arlington, Va., and has a position as one of the managers in the executive office of American Nurses Association. We are in touch often and keep each other in stitches just as we did when we roomed together. Norah mentioned that the friendships formed during the years at Mary Washington have sustained her many times over the years.

As for Dennis and me, the past year has been no less hectic for us. Dennis got a promotion within the state of Maryland and is working as an analyst in classification and compensation for the Maryland Department of Transportation. I continue my work at the law firm of Piper Rudnick. It has been non-stop for some time in the product liability department with more and more asbestos cases all of the time. However, I still make time for my gardening and have recently taken up quilting. This past year, Dennis and I took a fabulous trip to several parts of California. We went through Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur, Riverside, Laguna Beach and Palm Springs. We saw Hearst's Castle and some of the most breathtaking scenery one will ever see. In addition, we spent quite a bit of time in that state with family on both sides.

If any of you should be coming through Baltimore, our door is always open.

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Karen Wands Parker and husband Raymond live in Reston, Va. She is a care-partner to her husband and enjoys photography and writing as well as volunteering for religious education. Karen considers herself a 'survivor' and always has hope that sees her through difficult times. Her background in the sciences and music from MWC has helped her to continue lifelong learning. Karen co-authored a chapter in the book *Consumers as Providers of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*, 1997, and conducted five workshops at international psychosocial rehabilitation services conventions in 1993 and 1994, where she received three awards.

1974

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All is well in Richmond, except for the fact that our mailboxes don't contain as much news from classmates as we'd like!

Jill Hadden sent a newsletter filled with a lot of information. Jill is living in Norcross, Ga., with her two "feline children," Lovey and Smidgen. Lovey is a purebred Turkish Van cat that competed for the past two years in the CFA International Cat Show in Houston with excellent results. According to Jill, Lovey was named Best in Breed in two of the six judges' rings this year, among other honors! Jill recently adopted Smidgen, a cute black-and-white kitten, following the death of P.K., a domestic tabby she had for over eight years. Jill has also been busy pursuing some other passions: attending "Aida," seeing the Irish Tenors perform (and giving them each a rose as they were taking their final bows!), catching up on movies and favorite TV shows, and reading both fiction and nonfiction books. Though Jill was laid off last year, we're hoping that she has found a job using her computer CAD skills!

We are very pleased to announce that the YWCA of Richmond named **Jennifer Daffron Brown** as one of the 10 Outstanding Women of the Year 2003. The Richmond YWCA annually names local women who have earned recognition in 10 categories; they are selected for leadership skills, impact on the community, level of achievement, and commitment to equality and racial harmony. From the YWCA press release, here are some details: Jenny was named Outstanding Woman in the Arts for 2003 for her work as executive director of the School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community (SPARC). During her tenure, she expanded SPARC's program, taking it from a local program to one of Virginia's largest after-school theater training programs. For the past 21 years, Jenny has served SPARC, first as an acting teacher, then as associate director, and now executive director. Congratulations to Jenny for this wonderful achievement and recognition!

It really is a small world, or, at least, a small state! Last month I was at my son Patrick's girlfriend's first Mary Kay party and started chatting with another woman. Our sons are the same age, and she asked where Patrick was attending college. I said Mary Washington and mentioned that I went there as well. She said that she also attended MWC for two years! She is **Patricia "Tricia" Draper Charles Hollenbach** '70-'72. Tricia lived in Willard freshman year with **Pat Denton Rounds** and **Pam "Wart" Smith McGahagin**. She said that she thought she recognized me (wow!) from when I used to visit their third-floor room to see Denton and listen to James Taylor's "Sweet Baby James" album. Tricia has worked as a speech pathologist with the City of Richmond public schools for many years and mentioned that she is aware that **Barbara Bowman Scott** and **Kathleen Farrell Hershner**, also speech therapists, live and work in the Richmond area.

Another reminder that our class will be celebrating — that's right, celebrating, not dreading! — our 30th reunion next year. Hard to believe, isn't it? This is a big one, guys, so please make a commitment to return to the MWC campus in 2004!

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From Lina:

Thank you to all who responded to my request for news.

In March, **Tina Brooks Renninger** met **Jamie Galione Rosenson**, **Patsy Grumbly Hubbard**, **Melinda Buckley Bishop**, and **Francie Embrey Mitchell** '74 for a long lunch at Spanky's in downtown Fredericksburg. All were freshmen in Willard and sophomores on Russell fourth south. They caught up on what has been happening in their lives since graduation. They promised to keep in touch and get together over the summer for their 50th birthdays. Perhaps we will hear from them again next year.

Mary Turner Andrews DeWorken is happy to report that she is a grandma times two. Their son, Peter, and his wife, Lorie, have two adorable babies, Bonnie and Sophie. They all live in and around Richmond, Va. Mary says being a "Mimi" is the best!

Diana Davis Osborne is a technical writer and editor of documents for the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Dahlgren, Va. Diana and her husband, John, have been spending a lot of money on college tuitions, with a lot more to go. Oldest daughter, **Jennifer** '01, is a computer scientist at NSWC/Dahlgren. Carolyn is at Virginia Tech; Laura and her fiancé, Thomas, are both at Virginia Commonwealth U.; Jay is still a high-school sophomore, focusing on tennis plus his tenor and soprano saxophones.

Nancy Druen Downey Anderson lives in Charlottesville, Va., and works at the U.Va. Medical Center as director in the office of employee concerns. Seven years ago, Druen married Barry Anderson, who is a medical center administrator for Cancer Care Services and Home Health Care. Christopher, their only son, is a U.Va. undergraduate and law school graduate, now working for a firm in Seattle. Their oldest daughter, Kate, is a JMU graduate, working in non-profit Christian missions as editor for Christian Aid's news publication. Daughter Lonnie was graduated from U.Va. in May 2003 and will go to Seattle for graduate school in education. Whitney, their youngest, has another year at Mary Baldwin and hopes to teach elementary-age children.

Carol Pappas Bartold continues singing with the Los Robles Master Chorale. She was preparing for two performances of Beethoven's 9th Symphony in May 2003. Carol planned to spend the month of June on the East coast with visits to Delaware to see her parents and the D.C. area to see old friends. At the end of June, she will be back at Sarah Lawrence College for their summer writing seminar.

Angie Post Corbet has some great family news to share. Their younger daughter, Patricia, has just confirmed her acceptance to Mary Washington for the Class of 2007. Their older daughter, Mary, will be a senior at George Washington U. and has just completed a semester internship teaching in Costa Rica. Mary said that the beaches and teaching kids in Spanish were the best parts of her semester abroad. Angie teaches eighth-grade English in her hometown, Wayland, Mass., and loves it. She said that teaching is exhilarating and demanding and that middle-schoolers keep her on her toes. Angie earned her master's in education from Harvard in 2000. Her husband, David, is working hard in biotech and fishing hard off Cape Cod.

Linda Roland Mattix and her husband, Steve, took a trip out West to help move their son, David, to Las Vegas after his graduation in April. David has decided to start his studio-recording career there. Although they are excited for him, they are not happy about the distance from Charlotte, N.C. Fortunately, Linda's dad, sister and her family live in Vegas and can watch over him. Daughter Emily graduated from East Mecklenburg H.S. in June 2003.

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I heard from quite a few people who have stayed in the area since graduation. **Madelin Jones Barratt**'s oldest son, William, plans to attend the U. of Virginia this fall. Ellen is a freshman at McLean High School, and Anna is in second grade. Madelin teaches music as a volunteer one day a week at the small Christian school in Arlington that Anna attends. She also enjoys participating in the women's Bible study at The Falls Church each week.

I was happy to hear that **Lynn Leggett** lives in Oak Hill, which is very close to me. She has two children and a golden retriever and works in the IT field. Her son is at U.Va. She stays in touch with her old roommate, **Leslie White Butler**, who married a few years ago. **Ann Chryssikos McBroom** still lives in Salem, Va. Her oldest has completed his junior year in high school, and her youngest is 13. She stays busy keeping up with their endless activities.

Barbara Baylis Hinton and **Jean Patton Hippert** have both returned to the area. Barbara is back in Virginia after several years of living abroad and in California. She has two daughters finishing sixth and eighth grades, and she stays busy with their activities. She would love to reconnect with anyone from Russell first south and with any fellow music majors. Jean and husband Brent celebrated their 28th anniversary last fall. Their daughter, Hillary, is considering a college career at Mary Washington. After living all over the United States, most recently in Atlanta and Chicago, they have moved to the Baltimore area. Jean is an executive in a national strategic healthcare alliance, while her husband owns a brokerage industry consulting business. They both travel a great deal for business but still find time to scuba dive and have recently gone to Grand Cayman.

I also heard from many people out of the area. **Myra McCord Midkiff Lovelace** and husband, Jim, live in Houston near Rice U. Alex attends Blinn College, and Leslie is at Spring Creek in Montana. After 27 years in the chemical industry, Myra is taking a break and is spending her days checking out the art galleries and writing. Her family is still in Virginia, and she enjoys visiting Virginia Beach several times a year.

Reggie Tambellini Harbourne is still in Omaha, Neb. She is working on her Ph.D. in developmental psychology. She has two daughters. Alina, her oldest, has finished her sophomore year of high school.

After living in New Jersey for 14 years, **Alison Cross Denler** moved to the Denver area in June 2001. She stays busy running the household, and she is a core leader in the Thornton Community Bible Study. She and husband John celebrated their 25th anniversary. Her oldest daughter, Ellen, is a sophomore at the U. of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Her youngest, Rachel, is a high-school freshman. Alison loves the Denver area and has taken up downhill skiing.

Wendy Francis, who graduated in 1975 but spent her freshman year in Willard with us, and husband Harvey Locke have relocated to Toronto to be closer to Harvey's teen-age sons, Stuart and Eric. Harvey works for the Henry P. Kendall Foundation. Wendy earned a law degree from the U. of Calgary in 1985 and a master's degree in environmental law in 1994. She works as a consultant to a variety of conservation organizations in Canada.

Jan Biermann was promoted to the position of vice president, head of education and health promotion at the March of Dimes national office in White Plains, N.Y. She keeps in touch with **Carolyn Roberts**, **Judy Sledge Joyce**, **Marti Taylor Clements**, and **Susan Grimes**, and reports that they are fine, also.

John and I celebrated our 25th anniversary. John travels a great deal, and I spend most of my time working for Loudoun County Public Schools and keeping up with Jay and Melissa, who has completed her first year at U.Va.

I enjoy hearing from all of you and hope that you'll continue to write with your news.

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Gail Madden Shedlick lives in Centreville, Va., with husband Edward and son Kevin. She has earned an MPA from George Mason U., and works as a part-time phonics instructor at Fairfax County Public Schools. Gail enjoys volunteering at her son's school, as well as socializing with her friends and family and going to the beach! Regarding her time spent at Mary Washington, she says, "I treasure the carefree years spent at MWC, and made wonderful, loyal friends. I think of how lucky we are to have one another." She fondly remembers Dr. Crawley, a brilliant lecturer, and Mr. Fingerhut, who made political science come alive.

Deborah A. Cox Bigdely is in the MBA program at VCU with a concentration in human resources. She attends part time in the evening and hopes to complete her degree in about two years. Deborah said that she is "currently making A's — such a change from my days at MWC! I study a lot more now!" She has been married to Bill Bigdely since 1980, and they have three sons. Austin, a student at UMBC, is majoring in paramedic and emergency systems management. Adam attends the local community college and hopes to go to the Culinary Institute of America next year. Their youngest, Tom, is a junior at Godwin High School and is hoping to make the varsity soccer team.

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From Nancy:

Hello Everyone! I heard from several Framar friends at the beginning of the year. **Patty Goliash Andril** and family have returned from a post-Christmas trip to the Virgin Islands. They chartered a sailboat and enjoyed sailing from island to island for a week. Her kids, Katie and John, were quite accomplished members of the crew. Patty keeps busy volunteering at her kids' school and taking art classes.

Amy Hauck Newman wrote that her family is well and will be taking several fun trips this year. Over spring break, they went skiing at Lake Tahoe, and in June they spent a week on Kiawah Island with the grandparents followed by a few days in Williamsburg.

Big news from **Gail Melanson Carr** — she was married in June to Tom Bogar, who has recently retired from teaching high-school and college English and theater to pursue several writing projects. Gail has also started another degree program at Johns Hopkins U. to become an elementary-school counselor.

I really enjoyed hearing from my junior counselor at Mason Hall, **Pam Wright Meyers** '78. Pam, husband Tony and kids live in Marietta, Ga. Pam is a lacrosse mom with a capital "L." Sons Alex and Brendan play varsity. Daughter Chandler plays in a youth league, and Tony is coaching the girls' team. Pam's MWC roommate and my other junior counselor, **Winona "Nonie" Schlam Siegmund** '78, husband Don and two kids live in Fredericksburg. Heidi is into ballet and horses, while Patrick enjoys karate. Nonie is a high-school English teacher and has been working toward getting her national teaching certification. Her passion is show dogs (Shelties), and her newest addition to the menagerie is a Kuvasz (Hungarian sheepdog).

Amanda Parker Volkoff and her daughter, Olivia, live in Germany at the moment and love every minute of it. Husband John continues his one-year and 10-month deployment. John is in a very remote location, but Amanda and Olivia are trying to see and do as much as possible while in Europe. In April, they took an awesome trip to Kazakstan and Kyrgyzstan. They were like no place she has ever been before but well worth the visit!

George P. Sempeles lives in Chantilly, Va., with wife Paula and two daughters, Ellena and Stephanie. George is a team leader with the National Aeronautical Charting Office at the FAA. He operates a compilation unit that provides air navigation products that support visual flight navigation in the national airspace system.

Kathy Shelton Sieg and family have moved from Maryland to Virginia. She has been able to visit with **Lynn White** '82 and **Patricia Thomasson Cosby**, who live nearby. Kathy has been home-schooling for 16 years and is presently teaching her fourth-grader and 10th-grader. She also has a junior in college and a senior in public school. Her three oldest children will be leaving for China in May to teach English for several weeks. Kathy tutors learning disabled students, works with teens in youth ministry (her husband is a youth minister), and cares for her parents. Her non-people outlet is finding real estate below market value and buying it to refurbish and resell.

And finally, I received a short note from **Ron Bennet**, who has happily relocated from the Triangle area to Gastonia, N.C.

From Laura:

This is the first time **Lewis Wendell** has sent news for *MWC Today* but, he said, "I figure since I like to read the news that others send, I should contribute." If you don't remember him receiving his diploma with the rest of us, it's because he graduated in December '79. He spent four years after college at the State Department in Washington and lived in Old Town Alexandria. From there, he earned his master's in urban planning at UNC-Chapel Hill and at U.Va. in Charlottesville. After graduate school, he lived in Richmond and worked for Chesterfield County, Va., for nine years as an urban planner and administrator. After many trips north to New York, he said he fell in love with the city and moved there seven years ago. He started his own consulting firm there and worked around the country on various urban planning assignments for four years; spent two years creating a comprehensive plan for Prospect Park in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now is an urban development planner and administrator in New Rochelle, N.Y., just 15 miles from Manhattan. Six years ago, Lewis met a wonderful woman named Abigail at a party and two years later they were married. They have a beautiful 2-year-old boy named Nicholas and expect another child in November. They live in Manhattan with a fantastic view of the Hudson River. Last year Lewis and his family took a three-week trip to Europe and explored the places where they both grew up. They toured around Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands and introduced their son to the wonders of the Old World. Lewis said that he still keeps in touch with many of his friends from Mary Washington and cherishes the memories of his time there.

Clifford "Ford" Hart wrote, "In the for-what-it-is-worth category, here's the gist of my status: Home — Home life is great. Kay thrives as a full-time mother and keeper of yours truly. Alice is 4 now, attending preschool a few days a week, and growing apace. More fun than any job could be. Oh, but for independent wealth! Job — Still in the Foreign Service, I am currently on detail to the White House as the National Security Council's director for China, Taiwan and Mongolia affairs. Fun job, hours are lousy, but it provides a special opportunity to see how the system works, and, on occasion, play a small direct role. Plans — I'm assigned to be at the White House until summer 2004. After that, we may stay in Washington a couple more years or head back overseas. All depends on what assignments come open."

Lisa Kelly Bales resides in Fredericksburg and loves being mother to teen-agers Laura and Patrick. They think nothing can beat life in the 'Burg and enjoy their home on a lake just outside the city with their two dogs and many friendly neighbors. Lisa has made a career in non-profit administration and is in her ninth year as executive director of Rappahannock Big Brothers Big Sisters, where she enjoys working with a wonderful staff and board of directors, as well as all the fantastic volunteer mentors, children and their families.

And last but not least, we heard from **Debra Dovel Daube**. She sent us a brief biography of her last 23 years — and is this brief! First photographer; then real estate agent; then Mom of three, now ages 10, 12 and 18 and all "self-schooled — unschooled." She was a La Leche league leader for nine years, now business founder/owner and conservator of The Preservation Station (archival and museum supply: acid-free tissue paper and so on) and most recently — sailboat bum! She said life is good with husband (and co-sailboat bum) of 19 years. Son David enters MWC this fall as part of the Class of 2007! He was offered honors programs at both VCU and GMU and chose Mary Washington — wahoo! I hope the sports and vacation seasons were all merciful to everyone — no major injuries, etc. In my own household, even before the motocross racing season got underway, my 13-year-old son, Michael, wrecked on his Honda 125 and ruptured his spleen. That was his first major injury in sports, and boy was it major — requiring a stay in ICU, but thankfully no surgery.

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Navigating up I-95 to BWI early Sunday morning after our reunion, I had a revelation: the 20th reunion has been the best thus far. The Class of 1983 still knows how to have a good time. From cocktail party to class party to suite party, reunioners enjoyed themselves nonstop. Of course, the conversations were a bit different from "Are you going to the keg party Friday night?" and "I can't, I have to cram for a biology/math/history exam." Instead, talk focused on how beautiful the MWC campus has become, children's heights and aspirations, travels, experiences, health, work, dating, marriage and divorce, and reminiscing about college life. Many, many thanks go to **Rebecca Hobbs Shermer** for typing the reunion booklet and to **Judy Sweetman Gwynn** for being the reunion coordinator. Thanks also go to **Susan Leavitt**, **Mary "Muffin" Williamson Wilson**, **Sharon Robertson Williamson**, **Monica Rastallis Cashin** and others who supplied goodies for the class party and the suite.

Friday night, after the welcome reception, several of the early-arrivals dined together, including **Harolyn Berry Bland**; who is still working at ATT; **Ursula Coleman-Walker**, who works at Mary Washington Hospital; **Mabel Royal**, on

hiatus from work; **Nelly Castano Garza**, who flew from Texas; Monica Rastallis Cashin and hubby Mark from New Hampshire; **Joe Davoli**; Becky Hobbs Shermer, who drove in from Richmond; Susan Leavitt from Northern Virginia; and me. After dinner it was back at the hotel suite for more partying and catching up. Nelly works at Frost National Bank part time, home-schools her son and has a home-based business selling Usborne Books. Becky's life revolves around home, working part time, preschool and the two children's play dates. Monica has a new venture, a restaurant she is opening in fall 2003 with her mother, sister and an uncle in Newport, N.H. I hear by way of Susie Leavitt that Monica is quite the chef, and Monica said she is ready for the challenge.

The next morning, after a fascinating lecture by Dr. Atalay, the screams of recognition of classmates began as we congregated near the bookstore. **Anne Thompson Steen** looked so proud as she shared pictures of her adorable two children and wonderful hubby, **Dan** '84. Anne has an M.Ed. from U.Va. — she not only teaches counseling to students pursuing a counseling degree at George Mason, but she also has her own business doing career and educational consulting. **Sharon Arnold** and hubby were found sitting near Monroe. Sharon is a paralegal in Richmond. As Susie and I were headed to the class party at Jefferson, **Pete Neal**, his wife and their two children were walking near Dodd Auditorium. Pete is now in public broadcasting, his wife is a tax attorney, and they reside in Arlington. Muffin Williamson Wilson and Sharon Robertson Williamson were busy chatting away with **Tia Scales**, Ursula, Harolyn, and Mabel near the bookstore. Tia is still with the APA. Sharon is still with Circuit City as a systems consultant, and hubby Brian is a design engineer for AMF Bowling. They have two children. Muffin is gearing up to work on George Bush's 2004 campaign, besides being busy with her three children. Husband Steve is a consultant for Booz-Allen and Hamilton in McLean.

The picnic lunch was in Seacobeck due to rain. Undaunted, we commandeered several tables and the visiting began once again. **Jayne Butler Feeney** came from Maine, where she has her own full-time business as a consultant for physician's practices. Jayne has also taught courses at her MBA alma mater, the U. of New Hampshire, and serves as an expert witness. Also, **Patti Foley Mathena** arrived with hubby and two kids in tow. Patti is a systems analyst for E.I. du Pont de Nemours. Also spotted at lunch were **Jay Woodward** and his wife, **Jennifer Baldwin Woodward**. Jen is an elementary school counselor, and Jay is an environmental engineer with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

From the picnic, we went to the class party, where even more alums showed up, including **Terri Sckinto Hogan**, who received the prize for being married the longest in the group. Terri works in financial services in Richmond, Va. **Chris Miller** and **Kim Stinson Webber** arrived. Kim teaches Spanish at Hampden-Sydney. Chris earned an MBA from Averett College in 1998 and is a coordinator for residential services at Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB in Culpeper. **Martha Weber Jaffe** and **Martha Newcombe Reed** were there, as were **Sharon Borkey Parsons** and **Jackie Lane Rice**. Sharon's husband has his own business as a real-estate appraiser in Richmond. Martha Newcombe Reed is a budget analyst for Fairfax County, Va. Jackie is working as a programmer/analyst for Dominion Virginia Power in Glen Allen, Va., and her husband, Richard, is a purchasing manager. They have three children. Martha Weber Jaffe is an account specialist for the Congressional Country Club. She is married to Jed, who works for Verizon Wireless, and they have two children.

Elizabeth Sullivan came by and told us she stays in touch with **Beth Brown Gallegos**. Beth is an at-home mom to two kids, and according to Elizabeth, loves country life. We all perused yearbooks, scrapbooks, photo albums, posters and copies of *The Bullet*. **Farah Maynor Marks** told me her teen-age daughter plays violin, piano and tennis and is taller than Farah. Her son loves art and baseball. **Scott Harris** has been elected to the council of the Virginia Association of Museums, representing the Shenandoah Valley Museum. This is his second time on the council. He also shared pictures of his handsome family. **Andrea Kocolis Hornung** was there with her husband and two cute sons. **Kathleen Hamilton** came by, looking fabulous. Kathleen received her CPCU and is manager for USAA in Virginia Beach. She dotes on her poodle and enjoys life at the beach. **Greg Taylor** earned his M.S. in management from Troy State and is an engineer for MCI. He has two children. **Glen Bell** is a senior analyst for schedule systems at Delta Airlines in Atlanta. His wife, Leslie, is the coordinator for meetings and associations. They have two sons. **John Middlebrook** is the associate director of American furniture and decorations with Weschlers in Washington, D.C. He and wife Camille, a multifamily underwriter for ARCS Mortgage, have three daughters. **Richard Zubyk Jr.** has a master's in architecture, which he earned at Virginia Tech in 2003. **Lillian Sempeles Funk** is director of CCB computer systems for the National Institute of Building Sciences in Washington D.C. She is married to Gary Funk, executive VP of sales for Hilb, Rogal and Hamilton Co. of Virginia. They have two children.

Anne Rivello Darron is a homemaker in Fredericksburg, raising three boys. Her husband, Carl, is an engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center. **Katherine Farmer** is a single mom raising twin sons. She lives in Richmond and works as a juvenile probation officer in Henrico County. She has worked with juvenile delinquents for the past 18 years. Susie Leavitt's real estate business is incredibly busy, but fulfilling, and she is an aerobic instructor to boot. Judy Sweetman Gwynn works as an analyst for the U.S. International Trade Commission. She is married to Wayne, who was such a good sport during reunion — they have five children between them. **Christine "Kiki" Connerton Smith** drove from Florida on her way to a new home in Annapolis, where her husband, Dixon, is now stationed as a Naval officer. They have three children. **Karen Day** is a real estate attorney and often works with Susan Leavitt.

For dinner, some alums went to Sammy Ts, where several people, including **Vince DiBenedetto**, regaled the group with their rendition of both verses of the MWC alma mater. Also joining in was **Jenifer Blair** '82, who is taking a new position at Notre Dame in Baltimore. Afterwards, the Last Hurrah party kept some of us busy while others partied back at the hotel suite. I think it's fair to say that even when the toilet broke in the suite, no one skipped a beat! If you missed this reunion, keep in mind, there is always the 25th reunion — a "must attend" event.

Theresa Min Lee's husband, Hyunbum, is the area manager for Econo Building Management Co. They have three sons. Theresa continues to expand her knowledge of accounting by taking courses at the local college and continues to be a stay-at-home mom. **Larry Bossong** is married to Catalina Atienza, both of whom are dentists in Maine. They have two sons, with another on the way. **Donna Novak Zuna** is married to Jamie, and they have two children. Donna is an at-home mom and assists her husband in his business as a building contractor. She taught elementary school for 10 years before being able to stay home with the children. **Erica Clauss Morin** is a training manager for iZ Inc. in Springfield. She and husband **Ed** '86, have a son. **Anne Nelson King** is pursuing an M.Ed. in learning disabilities at VCU. She is a full-time special ed teacher for Hanover County and part-time accountant. Husband Norman works maintenance for Dominion Virginia Power, and they have two children.

Constance Rae Morrison Upton is working as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Springfield. **Tim Money** is director of retail planning and allocation for Cracker Barrel in Lebanon, Tenn. His wife, Melody, is a homemaker. They have three children. **Hope Martin Chenault** is an educational assistant for the second grade at Pike Creek Christian School. **Lee Ann Malott Pritchard** works for the FBI in Cincinnati as an intelligence research specialist. Husband Richard works for Cintas, and they have three children. **Emily Larkins Medina** earned her M.A. in communications from Fairfield U. and her M.S. in educational technology from Gallaudet. She is an instructional designer for the U. of Maryland. Husband Juan Medina Jr. is a programmer for PragmaliQ Inc. They have two children. **Norma Hopkins Griffin** works as a pharmaceutical/biotech compliance specialist for Phoenix Imperative Inc. She is married to Stephen Griffin, VP of energy services for PEPCO. They have a daughter.

Diane Hitt Frazier works as a gifted facilitator for Culpeper County Schools. She is married to Mike, a computer analyst, and they have two sons. **Tom Conway** earned his MBA in finance from the U. of Southern Mississippi. He and wife Cindy have three children. **Cathy Cooke** earned her M.S. in psychology from ODU in 2002. She continues to work at ODU as a lecturer, earned ODU's Outstanding New Faculty Award for 2003 and has several publications in scientific journals. Cathy volunteers for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Newport News and for the grief counseling program at Bon Secours Hospice. **Terry Daley Gaucher** has her master's in nurse anesthesia and works at Greenville Memorial Hospital in South Carolina. She is married to Jay, a cardiologist. They have two daughters.

Bethanne Daughtrey Bradshaw still works as the public information and community relations officer for the Suffolk Public School system. She also serves as president of the Suffolk Education Foundation. Husband Loyd is a high-school math teacher on the Isle of Wight. They have a daughter and son. **Joanne Gurley Neal**, married to Robert, is an at-home mom to a son and a daughter. **Barbara "Kitty" Hahn-Campanella** earned her Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1996 and serves as pastor of the Ninevah Presbyterian Church. Husband Bruce is director of inbound sales for the catalogue of the National Wildlife Federation. They have two children. **Amanda Patterson Ormond** works as an energy and environmental consultant for The Ormond Group in Tempe, Ariz. Amanda has served as a gubernatorial appointee directing the state's energy office for seven years. She is married to John, a photographer for Ormond Photographic, and they have two children.

Terri Patty Crumpler works as a seventh-grade social studies teacher at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy and is married to John, a manager at Walters Grain & Supply. Their son graduated from Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. **Billy Pugh** is completing his MBA coursework at the U. of Dallas. His wife, Allison, is a preschool teacher, and they have two children. **Ann Reamy-Butts** is an at-home mom. Husband Charles is an attorney. **Vicki Rudacille Davison** still lives in Benton-

ville with husband Daryl, an I.S. manager for the Valley Health System in Winchester. They have a son. **Melissa Santa Barbara Polo-Henston** is working on her doctorate in clinical psychology. Husband Douglas is the COO for ARC Inc. They have three children and live in Colorado. **Pat Schlimgen Martin** is a second-grade teacher in the Prince William County schools, where she has been teaching for 19 years. Rick works for VDOT, and they have two children. **Ann Smith Mattingly** has three children, and her husband, Bill, works as a nuclear engineer for PSEG.

Melanie Smith Vacchio earned her Ph.D. in biology from Catholic U. and is a research scientist at the National Cancer Institute at NIH. She has 30 publications in scientific journals and books. She is married to Eric, a self employed patent agent. **Nan Stanford McCarry** earned an M.A. in geography from the U. of Texas. She works part time for the genetics lab at NCI, SAIC in Frederick, Md. Her husband, Caleb, works with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee in International Relations/Latin American Policy. They have two children. **Sarah Thompson Doig** works as an OT/hand therapist at Physiology Association in Golden, Colo. She and husband Robert have two children. **Leslie Ann Bellais** is working on her Ph.D. and is curator of costumes and textiles for the Wisconsin Historical Society. **Lisa Rae Wright** earned her M.Ed. from U.Va. and is a special agent for the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. **Laura Wong Dolloff** is living in Colorado. Her husband, Michael, a retired Air Force pilot, is manager of Boeing. She became a stay-at-home mom for two daughters. **Carolyn West Jones** earned her MBA in management from Averett in 2002. She works as a customer service manager with Selling Power Inc. She has a son.

Cheryl Whittaker May married Greg, and they have a daughter. Cheryl is an avid flamenco dancer. **Martha Viau Fleger** is program manager for NIMA in Reston, Va. She is married to Dwayne, director of construction for Opus East LLC. They have two children. **Rebecca Tebault Spain** earned her M.Ed. in special education from GWU. She is a preschool special education teacher for Prince William County Public Schools and is married to Glen, a communications tech for the USAF. They have two daughters. **Carolyn Sydnor Parsons** is serving as the special collections librarian in Simpson Library at MWC. She is married to **Brian** '85, a policy adviser for the U.S. Department of Labor. They have a daughter and a son. **Danette Stormont Drew** works as a chemist at the EPA in Arlington. Husband Drew is also a chemist at the EPA, and they have two children. **Wendy Swann Alexander** is married to Ron, the production manager for Korman Signs Inc. Wendy is a full-time mom. **Carter Still Sonders** works as a senior development associate for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Husband Steven works for UPS, and they have two sons.

I did not attend the Derby this year, since I needed the break, but I did attend all the festivities prior to and after the Derby. I personally completed a triple crown of running, capped by my second 13.1 mile mini marathon. I am now training for fall minis in Indianapolis and Dayton. I keep very busy with my business, home, children and volunteer activities.

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It is with great sadness that I must tell you that, in February 2003, **Jill McInnis** passed away after a three-year battle with ovarian cancer. Jill, who loved to travel, taught first grade in Stafford, Va., for 14 years and was named teacher of the year in 2000-2001. She was particularly active in the science and reading programs and also worked with special needs and gifted children. Jill handled her illness with such grace and courage that she was an inspiration to all those that were worried for her. She died with a sense of peace, surrounded by family and friends. Jill will always be remembered for her calm demeanor, caring personality, trustworthy character and her bright, smiling, freckled face. Two of our classmates, **Kathy McDonald Cooke** (cookefamily@radicus.net), and **Mary Ellen Phelan Landis** (melhml@msn.com), are establishing a memorial for Jill at MWC. In June, Kathy and Mary Ellen, who are both mothers of three, are participating in the Riversedge Triathlon in Naperville, Ill., an event that benefits ovarian cancer research.

Deb Hass McKinney and her daughter, Erin, participated in the CT Race for the Cure in honor of **Anna Kelly Hanback**, who is recovering from breast cancer. Anna herself participated in Richmond's running of the race.

Sheryl DeVaun Manspile welcomed her third child last November. **Karen Cox Propheter** and husband John welcomed their second daughter, Christina Elizabeth, in April 2003. Kathy McDonald Cooke reported that **Amy Critzer Michael** and husband Donald are expecting their fourth child this fall. **Chris Mastal Winicki**, whose husband has been overseas participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, has been volunteering her free time (what little there is while raising three boys!) helping to coordinate communication between the military command and the families left behind.

Lori Brubaker is in her fifth year as the director of special events at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. Lori reported that **Kristen Pedisich Waksberg** and husband Mark, who live in the D.C. area, have had their second child. **Vicki Flaherty** has moved to Iowa, where she works for IBM Business Consulting.

Things are going well for **Karen Anderson** in Seattle, Wash. **Jocelyn Piccone Allgood** is now the director of operations for the OB/GYN department of the Wright State U. School of Medicine. On Derby Day, Jocelyn finished first in her (our) age group in a 5k run known as the Derby Dash. In July, Jocelyn, who is also an avid sculler, participated in the Independence Day Regatta in Philadelphia. **Amy Minnigerode Knowles** and her family have moved to Richmond, Va., where **Irene Thomaidis Cimino** and husband Bill have purchased a new home.

Tracy Greener Hollan and I took in the 128th running of the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore, catching up with **Mina Holden Horn**, **Brenda Thier Evans** and **Ann Stack Bartenstein** for what is turning out to be an annual pilgrimage! All are doing well!

Carol Mills made a return trip to Fredericksburg (and two trips to Carl's for ice cream), where she visited with **Donna Novak Zuna** '83. In the long-lost classmates department, **Whitney Vanlandingham Wade** let us know that she and her husband, Marty, live in Montclair, Va., with their two daughters and a new baby son. Whitney stays busy with typical stay-at-home-mom things like volunteering in the classroom and being a Girl Scout leader for two troops.

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Cheryl Raleigh Burns is the VP in corporate HR, in HR service delivery, at JP Morgan Chase. She has been there since graduation and was actually on the JP Morgan side of the company prior to the merger of these two financial services firms. Cheryl lives in southern New Jersey with her husband, Blaine. No two-legged kids; they've elected to stick with the four-legged ones. They have five dogs: three black labs, a yellow lab and a German shepherd mix. They all live in the house! Cheryl and Blaine are also very active in animal rescue and are fostering a yellow lab and a black lab. Their group is called All Pets Rescue, and you can find them online at allpetsrescue.org. Cheryl is on the board of directors and coordinates activities in New Jersey. They have volunteers in Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York City, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts and Maine. She is always happy to have new volunteers and would be happy to hear from any MWC alumni who would like to get involved!

Kemetia Foley had the opportunity to go to Paris, France. She said it was a most amazing trip, and she can't wait to go back. She was not only complimented on her French, but also mistaken to be a college student! Kemetia, Brian and Kateri moved back to Northern Virginia after six years in Roanoke Valley and were ready to be back near family and friends. Brian's company, East Coast Fire Protection, graciously transferred them in January. They enjoy being close enough to help Brian's dad with errands on the weekend. Oh yes, and now they are even closer to Kemetia's MWC pals, **Kevin Reid Shirley** '90 and **Nancy Kaiser** '82, whom she has missed terribly. Kevin has recently bought and refurbished an unbelievable home on Capitol Hill; it's amazing! Kemetia has been busy surviving the move, searching for a home, selling their home and also being the mom to their daughter, Kateri. With all of her free time (ha!), Kemetia is working as a temporary admin/meeting guru while searching for a respectful and decent-paying full-time job.

Karin Anderson Williams works at Fairfax County Public Schools as a business analyst, and she and Roy expect twins in October. **Nancy Foster** lives in Alexandria, works as a buyer for Fairfax County Public Schools and has taken an interest in photography. **Janet Hall Zavrel** and her husband, Chris, are busy raising three beautiful girls in Arlington. **Mary "Polly" VanDyck Tarbell** is still in Charlottesville, enjoys her career as a speech pathologist and raises daughter Cameron.

Sally Martin Crouch had open-heart surgery in July 2002. She had her six-month checkup last February, and the doctor said everything looks good! Sally also attended an MWC alumni outing to the Norfolk Botanical Gardens last fall with the Tidewater Chapter and really enjoyed herself.

Meredith Cox Scales lives in Greensboro, N.C., where she has been for almost five years. She has two wonderful sons. Meredith is a production planning manager for VF Jeanswear (Wrangler). She and her family are busy with their boat and camper and go to Lake Norman in the

summers. The boys are learning to paddle whitewater in their kayaks.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin has lived in Cookeville, Tenn., about an hour east of Nashville, since 1992. She and her husband, Jim, will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in October. They both work for Clear Channel Communications. Jim is the news director and Jane Ellen is the air personality. Since November 1999, Jim has been her news anchor on "The Jane Ellen Experience," Jane Ellen's morning show on WGIC Magic 98.5 FM, a CHR station. She says it's so fantastic to be able to have the same work schedule. Jim anchors four of their stations, while she does the Magic morning show live and voicetrack mid-days for one of their smaller country outlets, WTRZ Hot Country 104. Ah, the power of technology. They still have a house full of pets — three dogs and one cat.

Mary Stevens Gifford is happily married to Joseph, and they are expecting their first child in September 2003. They enjoy living in Colorado with their Australian shepherd mix, Ringo. Mary is starting a second career in teaching, getting her license to teach secondary science. Joe is an industrial hygienist and keeps very busy! You might wonder if inlanders can sail, but Joe and Mary do — they sail around on Joe's handmade wooden sailboat in Colorado's reservoirs, (when there is enough water)!

Mike Chapman lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Polly and their two boys. He has been working at the National Gallery of Art since 1987 and is now the retail accounting manager for the shops at the museum. Mike has been busy participating in Civil War reenactments (Stonewall Brigade), softball and hanging out with MWC friends.

Patricia "Jeannie" Lotterman completed her master's of education in counseling/psychology in 2001 and is currently working as a psychotherapist, massage therapist and yoga instructor in Boston. She got engaged last January and was to be married in September '03.

Loren Kay Franseen Vincent Brown lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her daughter, Alyssa Kay Vincent.

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From Becky Convery:

Carol Kessler Knott had Trevor Wesley last March. Carol also has two girls. Both Carol and her husband, Bryan, work at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va.

Ken Plaia lives in Hell's Kitchen in NYC, just two blocks from Times Square. Ken has a new job as a technical sales specialist with Stratagene, a company that manufactures molecular reagents for genetics research. Ken travels a lot to upstate New York and Connecticut and said he is happy to have a job that utilizes his brain once again! Ken has been taking advantage of all NYC offers. He has been taking night classes in astronomy and astrophysics at the Museum of Natural History's Rose Planetarium; he has seen 23 Broadway shows in the last year; and he planned to hit the beach during the summer.

Lori Lietzan is giving us an update since she graduated, as this is her first time writing in. Lori worked for Talbots for five years after graduation, then went back to school at NC State for a B.S. and M.S. in materials science and engineering. She lives near Hartford, Conn., and has a job that she loves as a materials engineer for a company that builds large aircraft engines. Lori recently had dinner with her sister, **Caitlin** '86, and **Kathel Dunn** '86 in New York City. Caitlin and Kathel are both doing well.

Elisabeth Agro is an assistant curator in the decorative arts department at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh. She hopes that some of her former classmates saw the exhibit she spent four years of her life working on — "Aluminum By Design" — traveled in the United States and then went to London, Brussels and is now heading to Paris. She is currently working on an exhibition of base metal candlesticks 1450-1790. As for the best part of her life — her daughter, Gianna Rose Jacobson, turned 2 in March. Elisabeth is trying hard to strike a balance between being a museum professional and a mom, not an easy task, as many of you know! Elisabeth's husband, Robert Jacobson, works in the technology sector, but it has been a bumpy ride for him. They have been living in Pittsburgh for seven years and have enjoyed their time there. Elizabeth has been accepted to a special study program of British country houses for the month of July, with a scholarship! She is very excited about the opportunity.

Heather Rust is now an adjunct in Longwood U.'s English department. She and Kim, her partner of 12 years, have two kids, a girl and a baby boy. **Robby Noll** lives in Charlottesville with his wife, Susan, and two daughters. Robby owns and runs a real-estate management and development company operating in Central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley.

Jennifer Modlin Murray moved west to Seattle in 1991 and worked as an administrative assistant in the risk management department for Westin Hotel Company. She then worked for several years as the executive assistant at a continuing care retirement community in Seattle. With the birth of their two sons, Jenny became a full-time stay-at-home mom with her hands full. Her husband, Vern, works for Washington Mutual Bank. The Murrays enjoy spending time together as a family, going to the zoo and playing at the local parks and beach.

Since receiving her graduate degree in counseling from the Medical College of Va./VCU in 1992, **Kelly Gould-Affleck** has been steadily working as a psychologist. She works at Chippenham Medical Center/Tuckers Psychiatric Clinic in Richmond, Va. She specializes in treating mood disorders, as well as personality disorders. Kelly and her husband, George, live in Chester, Va., outside of Richmond, with their daughter, Joie. Kelly and George adopted Joie from South Korea when she was 6 months old, and she is their pride and joy. They also have a big mutt, a Chihuahua and two hamsters! George is a technology teacher at Prince George High School. **Beverly Newman**, Joie's Godmother, lives in Florida. Kelly also stays in contact with **Jamie Crowley Jones-Lankford**, who is having a great career with the INS. **Suzanne Comley** lives in Williamsburg with her daughter, Jordan, and works for the College of William and Mary. **Jodi Painter** '89, a teacher, lives in Luray with her husband and an animal menagerie. Kelly and George purchased a great lot on a beautiful lake in Maine, where they plan to build a summer/retirement home. Kelly likes Virginia but never completely gave up her Yankee roots. Her husband has a family home in Beaufort, S.C., so they plan to spend winters down there.

Lee Ann Bake Graves works at CarMax as the manager of print advertising. She is lucky enough to work from her home office three days a week, and she commutes to Richmond two days. She lives in Fredericksburg with her husband of 11 years, and they have three kids and two dogs, mastiffs (total weight of 330 lbs!) who are still adjusting to not being the only "kids" in the house.

Margie Outten would like to include the birth of her son in this issue. Patrick was born in March 2003. Margie is still in Chester, Md., 15 minutes east of Annapolis. Husband **Lin** works for Washington College, and Margie is still with a small firm called Miltec. Their oldest son, Liam, will start kindergarten in September.

In July 2002, the girls of Jefferson second west reunited at the home of **Kara Lawson** '89 for a weekend in Virginia Beach. Those attending were **Marcia Medvetz Visaggio**, **Andrea Pitts Aubry**, **Michele Healy Reisch**, **Julie Tolly Sandwich**, **Anita Arcona Rosenberg**, and **Donna Lebel Crain**. They enjoyed a day at the beach and late nights reminiscing about old times. Kara, her husband, Jeff, and their yellow lab, Ash, are enjoying their lives in Virginia Beach. She teaches sixth grade, while her husband has his own business making custom furniture. Marcia lives in Vienna, Va., with her husband, Sergio, and their two sons, John and Christopher. She is a stay-at-home mom and earned her master's degree in instructional technology. Andrea lives in Marietta, Ga., with her husband, Will, daughter Tess and their Boston terrier. Andrea earned her master's degree in communication disorders and works as a speech-language pathologist in the public schools. Michele lives in Greenville, N.C., with husband John, son Thomas and daughter Megan. Since college, Michele has earned her CPA and MBA. She has enjoyed staying at home with her children while teaching accounting part time at East Carolina U., where her husband is a professor. Julie lives in Virginia Beach. She earned a master's degree in psychology and has started her own business, Individuals First Inc., which provides residential services for people with disabilities. Anita lives in Ashburn, Va., with her husband, Jeff, and their son, Jacob. She earned her master's degree in special education and is currently a stay-at-home mother. Donna lives in Newport News, Va., with her husband, John, and their four daughters — Lauren, Lindsay, Sarah and Mary Frances. Donna left her teaching position to become a stay-at-home mom.

I have completed my second year of law school. I chose the U. of Montana School of Law for its specializations in environmental law and Indian law. I also fell in love with Missoula, Mont., which is a lot like Charlottesville, except the mountains are much higher and the climate much dryer. I just bought a house on the Flathead Indian Reservation and plan to move there, where I hope to spend time on the lake, hiking with my four dogs and taking trips on my Harley Davidson with my boyfriend through Yellowstone and Glacier Parks, Idaho and Wyoming. I competed on the National Environmental Moot Court team for the U. of Montana at Pace U. in White Plains, N.Y., in February. I was really thrilled that my team beat the U. of Virginia in the first oral round. The best part of the trip is that I met my brother **Patrick** '86 and his partner in New York for dinner. Patrick is doing super well and is a manager with a pharmaceuticals company in New Jersey. He travels a lot with his job and spends a lot of time with his partner taking in the shows in N.Y. I am currently a student prosecutor with the city of Missoula and hope to work either as a prosecuting attorney or with a small law firm on the Flathead Reservation when I graduate in 2004.

I keep in touch with **Mary Tracey Wardlaw** and **Lori Wernicki Wadman**. Mary and husband Donny live in Fredericksburg with their three children, Caiti, Elizabeth and Joey. Lori and her husband, Eric, live in Delaware with their two

girls, Erin and Becca. However, Lori and Eric are contemplating a move to New Jersey, to be closer to Eric's job with Bristol Myers Squibb, which was recently transferred from Wilmington, Del., to Hamilton, N.J.

Don Appiarius and his wife, Vivian, moved into their new home in West Virginia last year. Vivian is a pediatric intensive care unit nurse originally from Brazil. Don is vice president for student development at Salem International U. in Salem, W.Va., having moved there two years ago from UNC-Chapel Hill, where he served as assistant dean. Vivian is a PICU nurse at West Virginia U. Hospitals. Don is currently on the list for a double-lung transplant and hopes to undergo surgery in the next year so he can get back out on the tennis court.

Temple Dillon Richardson lives in Greensboro, N.C., with her husband, Tom, and 3-year-old daughter, Meredith. She spends most of her time working and caring for the family. They head to the coast as often as possible.

Gary Colson earned his bachelor's in studio art and has been teaching art in Fauquier County Public Schools since 1991. Gary also earned his master's degree in sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth U. The news he most wishes to share is about a trip he took in 2001 to Portland, England, on a grant provided by Fauquier County. Gary went to learn more about stone carving and quarrying techniques. Portland is a very small island only four miles in length but contains over 27 limestone quarry sites. For years the only employment on the island was the stone trade. After finishing his course, he shipped his roughed-out stone sculpture home and spent the next six months working the stone into its final state. For the past year, Gary has been working with officials in Warrenton, Va., to place the sculpture in a public place. The dedication of this piece to the town of Warrenton was to occur sometime during the summer.

Michael Hendron lives in Washington, D.C. and is employed by the Smithsonian Institution as a furniture conservator. **Sarah Bane Howard Burns** has two lovely girls, Nisa and Meredith. She no longer works with The Jacques Cousteau Society, which she considers the best job she will ever have had, and presently is working for Zion Import and Manufacturing selling diamonds. It has been a great time since MWC, but she misses those moments of being with good friends, hanging out at Brent. Now a single mother, most of her time is spent with her girls and work.

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I should begin by explaining that I have taken over as class agent because **Beatrice Von Guggenberg Kerr** is a busy lady these days! She asked me to pass along the following statement: "Dear fellow alums, I have enjoyed being your class agent since our 10th reunion. I'm stepping down at this time because life has gotten pretty hectic. I'm still working on my master's in social work, and if I want to get this degree in the next 10 years, I need to start taking more classes per semester. I also work part time as bereavement coordinator at Mary Washington Hospice and keep busy the rest of the time chasing my now 2-year-old daughter, Eva. Although busy, life is very good! I also want to thank **Kim Young Schill** for her generosity in offering to take over as class agent."

I live in the Fredericksburg area and work with my husband, **Tod Schill** '92, in his real estate appraisal business. I had the pleasure of graduating from Mary Washington a second time this spring when I earned my master of arts in liberal studies degree. My old roommate and friend, **Yvonne Powell Conatser**, is a senior planner for the city of Manassas (where **Elizabeth Stamoulis Via** '85 is the director of community development), and she and her husband, Bernie, are expecting their first baby in November. I also stay in touch with **Stephanie Skowron Johnson**, who has had her fifth baby, Holly Ann. Holly has four older brothers (two of whom are twins), and Stephanie keeps very busy with baseball and football games, bowling leagues, kids choir practices, plays and homework.

Several of our classmates also live here in Fredericksburg. **Andrea DePaol** is a music teacher at Brock Road Elem. School in Spotsylvania County. **Michelle Covington Lippert**, her husband, Steve, and their son, Brodie, enjoy family outings on campus. Her husband is a free-lance artist, and they own a design business that allows her to be a stay-at-home mom. **Kathy Engelbrecht Roberts** is a senior staff member to Delegate Bill Howell for Fredericksburg and Stafford County (he is also the speaker for the Virginia House of Delegates) and is helping her husband, Scott, with his new job as pastor of Evergreen Church in Spotsylvania County. They have four children: Jake, Rebekah, Leah and Hannah.

Lisa Ryan Musgrave recently earned her Ph.D. in philosophy from Purdue U. She resides in Orlando, Fla., and is a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at Rollins College in Winter Park. **Susan Crytzer Marchant** and her husband, Joe, had a baby boy, Adam, in March 2002. They reside in Manassas, Va., and she still works for NIMA in acquisition management on a program called joint mapping toolkit (JMTK). Susan keeps in touch with her roommate, **Susie Hankel Riccio**, who lives in Woodbine, Md., with her husband, Mark, and their son, Ethan. Susie stays at home with Ethan and still enjoys riding her horses.

Charles Stacy is a Methodist minister in Madison, Va., and he and his wife, Holly, had their first child, William, in October 2001. **Dani Dabrowski Villegas** lives in Plainsboro, N.J., with husband Juan and son Drew Gabriel, who was born in June 2001. After a career in client relations and project management in the Internet world, Dani is happily working out of her home as an independent computer consultant so that she can spend time with Drew. They were able to take their first vacation with Drew to Virginia Beach in fall 2002. Speaking of Virginia Beach, **Catherine "Gina" Giordano McEnerney** lives there with her husband, David, and teaches for Virginia Beach Public Schools. They have two children: Lauren and Baxter.

Staff Officers in Gray: A Biographical Register of the Staff Officers in the Army of Northern Virginia by **Robert E.L. Krick**, has been published by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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From Dia:

I continue to keep busy as the field placement coordinator for Winthrop U.'s College of Education, and my husband, Deron, has finished his seventh year as a German teacher.

Tina Devorshak has lived and worked in Rome, Italy, at the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations since 1999. She works on international agricultural trade and especially concerns related to preventing the spread of pests like the Asian long-horned beetle or Asian gypsy moth in trade. She works mostly with developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East in assisting them to understand international treaties related to trade, plant protection and protection of the environment. She is extremely fortunate to travel regularly to many of the countries in these regions and enjoys meeting and working with people from all over the world.

Charlotte Burnley Moore has two children. She worked at GEICO Insurance as an auto claims adjuster for eight years until the birth of her first child. She is now a full-time mom raising her children in Stafford County, Va.

Megan Donnelly Cyr is a dental hygienist and has been working for Dr. Jeffrey Brown and Dr. Mike Rogers in a large family dental practice in Arlington for eight years. She and her husband, Tom, an assistant VP of National Cooperative Bank in Washington, D.C., live in Arlington. Megan is involved in several Irish-American organizations in the D.C. area and is treasurer of the board of directors of the Washington St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Julie Prostick Gibbons lives in Fairfax with her young son. She works part time doing accounting consulting for various clients. She recently stopped teaching aerobics, but she still competes in triathlons in the summer. Julie also sent news of **Lydia Wheeler Pullen**, **Dana Brienza Smedley** and **Jennifer Merson Herzberg**. Lydia, in Fairfax, is taking a few years off from being a financial analyst in order to raise her two boys. Dana left her job at GMAC Financing shortly before having her second child. They live in Ashburn, Va. Jennifer lives in McLean, Va., and has two children. She left her job as a meeting planner for the National Wildlife Federation.

Kate Bailey Krishnamurthy and husband Vikram, a James Madison graduate, were married in September 2002, and now live in Wilmington, Del. Also in September 2002, Kate made a career change. After more than 11 years as a newspaper reporter, she took a position as deputy communications director for Delaware's governor. Her husband is tree program manager for the Delaware Center for Horticulture. As a fellow Delaware native, I was thrilled to hear her news!

Congratulations to **Melissa Powell Werger** and her husband, Ken, who are the proud new parents of twin boys. Melissa's MWC roommate, **Molly Brown Phelps**, started tutoring math to several students in her home after school. It has really taken off, and she is enjoying it. Her husband, Randy, works for TJ Maxx in Richmond as store manager. Daughter Mikayla will begin preschool in September.

Vicki Shaw Heck married Matt in June 1991, and she worked at various jobs until January 1994. Since then she has stayed home with their four children. Her husband is a lieutenant com-

mander and a flight instructor in the Navy. They have moved around quite a bit with the Navy and have lived in Annapolis, Md.; Pensacola, Fla.; Meridian, Miss.; San Diego, Calif.; and Jacksonville, Fla. In 1999 they moved to Mississippi and bought a house in the country in Collinsville near the Naval base. They really enjoy the slow pace of life there. The population of Meridian (10 miles from Collinsville) is only about 50,000 people, which is quite a change from the D.C. area.

Christy Copper married Jim Shaughnessy in spring 2003. Jim designs ships for the Navy, and Christy teaches chemistry and coaches women's tennis at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. **Elizabeth Urbanik** has been living in Mississippi since 1999. Until January 2002, she was a public librarian at one of the county library systems near Jackson. Last year, she became an assistant professor and cataloger at Mississippi State U. in Starkville and has recently moved to a different position within the same department. She is getting used to that high humidity in the deep South!

Susan Gray Herring lives in Dunnsville, Va., with husband Brent and two children, Mark and Laura. She has stayed at home with them, and, now that Mark is in kindergarten, she is looking forward to returning to teaching this fall. Susan is also considering taking classes toward a master's in education. Her husband works for the Virginia DOT in Richmond, and they keep busy with the dream house they bought in October 2001, an old farmhouse on seven acres!

Stephanie Smythers Carr was expecting her second child in June 2003. Stephanie has been at James Madison U. since graduate school in 1991 and has worked full time since June 1993. She has been the assistant director of residence life for almost three years, and her main responsibilities involve selection, training and professional development for residence-hall staff.

Evan Hart and **Kim Cosgriff Hart** live in Tennessee with their two daughters. Evan teaches in the earth science department (geography and geology) at Tennessee Tech U. He enjoys being with students and going on field trips to the great outdoors and calling it work. Kim still runs several times a week, although she cut back on racing. She stays busy teaching a religion class for Tennessee Tech students.

Rhonda Lefever Poff and her husband, John, live in Matthews, N.C., with their two children. Rhonda keeps in touch with **Nancy Askew Sheleheda**, who is expecting her first baby in July 2003. Nancy and husband Mike live in Fairfax, and Nancy works at the Kennedy Center.

Erika Ringberg Murr and **Chris Murr** have two daughters. Chris is the assistant director in the financial aid department at Southwest Texas State U. Erika has published a book, *A Rebel Wife in Texas: The Diary and Letters of Elizabeth Scott Neblett*. She taught history at Southwest Texas before she took some time off to be with their daughters.

Jeff Pratt lives in Washington, D.C., with his partner, Brian. He does policy work for the Treasury Department. He completed his M.A. in history at Temple U. When he sent his news in May, he was preparing for a vacation to the Dordogne region of France!

Dave and **Elizabeth Bauer** '93 **Henrickson** bought a house in Warrenton, Va., a year ago and enjoy life in the small town. Dave owns his own company, Flash Point Communications Inc., and has an office on Main Street. Elizabeth is the executive director of the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, also on Main Street. They are also proud parents of a baby girl.

Samantha Pillar Ellis will celebrate her sixth anniversary with her husband, Gary. He's a law enforcement officer, so their life is never normal! They have a daughter and a son. After six years of working in museums and development, Samantha decided to stay home with her children. She gets to see a few MWC friends now and then.

Theresa Morlino diLustro moved to Georgia for her husband's work a few years ago, and she stays home with a son and a daughter. **Nancy Himmelheber** and **Leslie Oberbauer Kostelecky** '92 came to visit her in spring 2003.

Karen Troiano Connell and her husband, Jon, are doing well with their three children. Karen shared the news that **Stephanie Weeks Henson** had a baby boy in February 2003.

From Amy:

Thanks to everyone who supplied news for this newsletter. I'm looking forward to the end of the school year and having my summer free! My husband and I have many trips planned during my vacation.

Nicole LaPorte Parker and husband Carl recently moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, after only five months in Detroit. Carl is continuing in his current position but moved his office to be closer to his 13-year-old twin daughters. Nicole enjoys being a stepmom and looks forward to being able to spend more time with the girls.

Stephanie Myers Michalowicz continues to mainly mother her and **Mike**'s '90 two children. She also consults part time with a non-profit parenting education company. She teaches classes, consults with parents, gives presentations and is getting certified to teach infant massage to parents. Stephanie also tutors and is on the pastor nominating committee at her church. She still does spinning at the gym and recently ran the Race for the Cure. Stephanie also spent time with fellow classmates at **Karen Clegg Blocker**'s wedding to Mark in December 2002, where Stephanie's daughter was the flower girl. **Tammy Cakouros George** '92 was matron of honor. Karen and Mark bought a new house in Bristow, Va., and recently traveled to Portugal. They both work in Fairfax County Public Schools. **Susan Wise Whittle** and her husband, Ran, bought a house in Vienna, Va., where they happily reside. Susan is still employed with the Haircuttery Corporation. **Lynne Yankosky Barner** had a baby girl in December 2002. Lynne and Paul reside in Fairfax. Stephanie enjoyed getting to see her special friends as they celebrated Karen's wedding.

Cullen '90 and **Rosemary Golden Seltzer** celebrated their 10th anniversary in August. They've lived in Richmond for over 12 years. Cullen is an attorney at Brown Greer PLC, and his practice is concentrated in mass tort and class action litigation. After practicing law for three years, Rosemary is now a stay-at-home mom to two daughters.

Dave and **Leslie Flowers Lausten** '90 have a baby boy. Big brother Nick loves being the older sibling and can't wait to start kindergarten in the fall. Dave and Leslie continue teaching at Hartwood Elementary in Stafford County. Dave also coaches soccer for Chancellor High School in the spring season.

Gary Eberly had a great time seeing a lot of his old friends and their families at the 10-year reunion back in 2001. Since that time, he and his wife had their second child, Kelly Anne, in December 2002. He also has a new job since the reunion — he's been working at the College Board (the SAT people) in Reston for almost two years as a programmer.

Dr. **Rebecca McHugh** left the National Institutes of Health in Maryland to begin research at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research in Wellington, New Zealand. Rebecca is researching cells that interfere with the body's immune system response (suppressor T cells). The results of her research could be applied to treating diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and severe bacterial infections such as tuberculosis. Her research is currently being published in prestigious international journals, such as the *Journal of Immunology, Experimental Medicine and Immunity.*

Jillian Grizzard Fajna and husband Timothy are the proud parents of twins, who were born in September 2001, nine weeks premature. They were in the neonatal intensive care unit at MCV in Richmond for several weeks but finally came home in October. Jillian stayed home for nine months after their birth, but started working part time last summer. She's a relief pharmacist for a drug store in Waverly, Va., and does chart reviews for a local nursing home. Her husband farms, and they had a rough year last year with the drought but are hoping for a better season this year. Timothy is a great dad and helps a lot with the twins. Jillian still keeps in touch with **Leigh Hester** and **Lynne Hester Leggett**. Leigh is a pharmacist, also, and works in Richmond. Lynne is married with two children; a daughter and a son. Leigh and Jillian recently got together and saw "Mamma Mia" in Richmond. They had a lot of fun and love ABBA! Jillian also shared news about fellow classmates **Lisa Dominic Groff**, **Elizabeth Snyder Skinner**, and **Tammy Watkins Cox**. Lisa and her husband, Dan, live in Ohio and work for the same power company. Elizabeth's husband, J.T., is still in the Army and was on temporary duty in the Hampton Roads area over the summer and visited with Jillian. They live in Georgia. Tammy is still teaching in Prince George County. She has two daughters.

Marianne Kawalec Nadeau has been married almost 10 years and has two children. They live in Greensboro, N.C., where husband Chris is general manager at O'Charleys. Marianne is a case-management supervisor for the Community Alternatives Program, working with children and adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Editor's Note: Class notes in the summer 2003 issue erroneously indicated that Dia Quillen Hablutzel and her husband, Deron, are the parents of a son. It's Dia Wheeler Pullen and her husband who are the proud parents of Ethan, born in January 2001. We regret the error.

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Dave Derkowski and his wife, Michelle, had a second daughter in February 2003. Dave and his family still live in Chicago and love it. They are in the process of making an addition to their home for the kids. **Tammy Hall** lives in Atlantic City, N.J., with her three children. Tammy works as a full-time dance instructor and choreographer.

Kevin Osborn and **Christine "Crissy" Korb** were married in 1995. Shortly after, they moved to Urbana, Ill., where Crissy worked for AMDOCS and Kevin studied. In 1999 they had a son. Kevin finished a Ph.D. in physics at the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2002. The same year, Kevin and Crissy had a second son. They now live near Boulder, Colo. Crissy telecommutes for her long-held job at AMDOCS, and Kevin is a post-doc at NIST-Boulder.

Tracy Campbell Sullivan lives in Glen Ridge, N.J. She has been working in NYC since 1993, first in the publishing industry and then for an international philanthropic organization that took her to several points of operation in Central and Eastern Europe. In 1998, she married Matt Sullivan, who is by day a senior sales executive, ser-

vicing ad agencies, and by night a musician with gigs in Manhattan. Tracy and Matt had their first child in March 2002. Tracy now works part time at home while raising their daughter.

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From Courtney:

Wow! A lot has been happening in everyone's life! First I must bring you up to speed on several people I have past information on. **Amy Acker Brunt**, a '97 graduate of Wake Forest University, is a vice president at a healthcare receivables management company called AHC Inc. **Peggy Scolaro** earned her M.A. in English at George Mason U. and became a member of the English department at the world's best college, Mary Washington, in 1997. She loves teaching at her alma mater. **Debbie Brown** and husband **Charlie Brown** '91 live in Fredericksburg in a house they built. Charlie works for GEICO as manager of the claims department, and Debbie works as an accountant for a government contractor. They were expecting their first child in January 2003.

Maureen Lynch works as a development accounting manager for The Peterson Companies. She keeps busy with a pottery class, traveling and building a house. Maureen and Pete were married in June in Great Falls. Thanks to Maureen for also updating us on her MWC roommate, **Kris Adler Kelleher**, who lives in western New Jersey. She was married a few years ago and has a baby boy. Kristen still rides horses, does some theater and is working on a nursing degree. **Paul "Nick" Miller** '96 and wife Robin had their second son in June 2002. They live in San Antonio, Texas, and love it. Nick works as a franchise service director for Choice Hotels Intl., and Robin is an RN. **Sarah Anne Brewer Sumpolec** had her third baby girl in March. Sarah, Jeff and family live in Fredericksburg. Sarah's debut novel was released in July 2003. It's the first book in a series for young adults called "Becoming Beka," and the book is entitled *The Masquerade*. Sarah is working on the second book in the series, as well as writing articles and short stories. She also leads the Christian Writer's Circle in Fredericksburg, which helps others get their work published, and is active in their local church, where her husband is on staff.

Mark Tanis continues to enjoy working as a commercial client manager for Bank of America in Roanoke and has celebrated his fifth anniversary with the bank. Wife **Tamalyn Reed Tanis** '93 works as an independent real-estate appraiser. Mark and Tamalyn coach girl's volleyball at their old high school, Cave Spring. Congratulations to Tamalyn, who was named state Coach of the Year after guiding the team to a perfect 29-0 season and their first-ever state championship! In their free time, they enjoy playing golf and going to Smith Mountain Lake with dog Molly.

Arleen Hill earned her Ph.D. from the U. of South Carolina in August 2002. MWC alums **Donna Douglas Rollins**, **Chris Paige**, and **Renee Wicks Swavely** and family were there to cheer Arleen on. After Arleen finishes her year as a visiting assistant professor at Bucknell U., she will head to Memphis, Tenn., as assistant professor in the department of earth sciences. She will be very involved in the hazards focus of the department and the undergraduate and graduate programs. **Amanda Boshears** lives in Alexandria and is a contracting officer at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Washington, D.C. She is on schedule to graduate in spring 2004 from Virginia Tech (Northern Virginia Campus) with a master's degree in public administration.

Rio Lange lives in Baltimore and works as the readshow coordinator for Wachovia Securities. Sarah said that **Heidi Heise** has a new house in Kansas and got married Labor Day weekend. **Amanda Clair Fitzke** teaches and lives in Lancaster and had a baby girl in December. **Megan Carter Haid** works with computers and lives in New Jersey. Megan had a baby boy last August. **Brenda Ayers Koehler** also lives in New Jersey and works for Johnson & Johnson. She is the mother of a 2-year-old son. **Tricia Cleary** works for a home builder and lives in Chester, Va. **Colleen Cummings** completed her nursing degree and moved to Boston. **Leslie Ptashinski** works for Philips Van Husen, which requires a lot of traveling. Leslie also lives in New Jersey, and rode in the New Jersey diabetes bike ride a second year. **Kimberly Angles** '95 works for Wythe-Will Distributing in Williamsburg and commutes between there and Atlanta, which she calls home. **Kim Cornell Keenan** lives in Boulder, Colo., with her husband, **Mike Keenan** '93. Kim works in occupational therapy, and Mike has finished law school. **Ashley Watson Harris** is a mother of two and lives in Wilmington, Del. **Sarah T. Holmes** lived abroad in London for a while and is now making her way back to the United States. **Becky Miller** has lived in Washington, D.C., for the past four years and earned her master's in environmental science from Johns Hopkins U. She works for ICF Consulting as an energy and environmental consultant. Congratulations on her engagement, with the wedding planned for November!

Rob Zombron figured that, after nine years, it's probably time to send an update about his life. He has been married to wife Jennifer since 1994. Shortly after graduation, they moved to Houston to pursue career interests. After spending four years in Texas, they moved back to D.C. and bought a house in the Herndon area. Rob works for Resource Consultants Inc. in Vienna as a senior infrastructure management consultant designing and building facility management and document management systems primarily for federal government clients. Last January, Alexandra Leigh was born, a "beautiful, healthy little girl who has really made an impact on our lives."

Vanessa Steele Szemenyei and husband have been married for seven years. They have two daughters. Vanessa is a property casualty insurance agent, and her husband is a pharmacist. They live and work in Bethlehem, Pa., where they built a home a year ago. Also in a new home is the **Michael Cerami** family, who have a house in Fairfax Station, Va. In October, wife Melissa and Michael welcomed a new bundle of joy to their family, Maeson Elizabeth. Sister Madelynn "loves her to pieces." **Angie Alteresio Westerman** and husband Ty moved into their first new home in Potomac Falls, Va., in June. They have two children, Ailee and Riley. Ty is a network engineer in McLean, and Angie is an office administrator for a doctor in Ashburn.

After working for the National Park Service for a few years, **Sarah Wenger** went to graduate school and earned her master's degree in geography in 1998. She lives in Germantown, Md., and works at the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. She has had the opportunity to work on some interesting projects, such as the Pentagon after Sept. 11th (parts of the building were still smoldering on her first day), and recently contributed data for a map that was published in *National Geographic*. **Matthew Steele** graduated in June from VCU with a master's in sociology. He works for SIR Research in Richmond as a data specialist. Matthew has run two half-marathons and the Richmond marathon last November. He is considering running in the London Marathon in 2005 with a friend in Newcastle, England. Matthew plans to practice a couple more times on the Richmond course before going over the pond for a jog through London. Right now, work, schooling and house keep him busy. **Nancy Retan Scharf** will be the preschool director and one of the teachers at St. Mary's Catholic Church preschool by the time this issue comes out. Her boys have really grown, with the youngest in high school, one son at Virginia Tech and stepsons off on their own as well. Nancy said "We are almost empty nesters!"

Annie Lellinger Schaller lives in Easton, Pa., with husband Robert (Bo, for short). They were married in 1997, after Annie earned her MSW from Boston U. She is a therapist at a hospital-based mental health clinic. Annie and Bo have a very spoiled cat, who gets far too much attention, and they enjoy doing home projects and spending time with family and friends. Annie's good friend, **Amy Bridges Rinehart** '93, married Dean in 1995, and they have a very sweet baby girl. Annie also keeps up with **Sarah Garcia Rothman**, who married Steve in 1997. They also have a very cute and smiley 1-year-old. What is it with babies?

Mylinda McConnell Green '95 and husband Rick had a son, Sean, in January. Sean and big sister, Hailey, keep Mylinda very busy. Mylinda continues to work from home as a free-lance technical editor. **Ashley Herron Scott** and husband Kevin welcomed their first child, a boy, in March. Ashley continues to work in music therapy private practice in Arlington, and has made it back to MWC to guest lecture for the psychology department from time to time!

Shelby Hill Bowers '95 moved to Tennessee after leaving Fredericksburg in 1996. Sadly, her father passed away in August 1995, and she needed a change. Shelby has been working for a large behavioral healthcare system since 1997, first in the acute care hospital and then in the adolescent residential treatment center (Peninsula Village). As the aftercare coordinator, she helps the kids with where they'll go from there, plans alumni activities and helps market the program throughout the United States. Son James Randall, "Jamie," was born in 1997. Shelby met Danny, and they were married in September 2002. Shelby now has two wonderful stepkids, Kenney and Ashlyn. Danny works for the IS department of Philips Consumer Electronics doing some techno thing Shelby "really doesn't understand."

Ginny Crist Darling and **Cara Biega Crimmins** "pulled together a few interesting tidbits about what's been going on with friends." **Jenny Springer Stanley** and husband **Douglas Parnell Stanley** '92, live in Front Royal, Va. The happy family welcomed a new addition in August, a baby girl. Jenny is proud to be shaping young minds as a teacher at Front Royal's junior high. **Colin O'Brien** married his high-school sweetheart, Jen O'Toole, in spring 2001. They built a

new home outside of Boston, where Colin works at Fidelity. Ginny found bliss in Manhattan Beach, Calif., where she taught elementary school and met her future husband, Jeff. After getting married in 1998, they moved to Northern Virginia to be closer to friends and family. They welcomed a son in 2001 and love parenthood. Ginny is a very busy stay-at-home mom but plans to get her master's in the future. Jeff works as program director at Lighthouse Underwriters. They are building a house in Brambleton, Va., so if you are in the neighborhood, please be sure to look them up. Cara freelances for National Geographic, Eddie Bauer and other clients, while husband, Tim, is a doctor. Cara and Tim were married in a field of pumpkins on Cape Cod in fall 2001 and spent their honeymoon traveling through Europe for three months in search of the perfect espresso. They live in Seattle and spend their free time hiking in the mountains.

Also traveling is **Len Ornstein**, who took a group of students to Tokyo, Japan, in April to visit schools and Japanese homes. At the first workshop, **Dave Janes** was a speaker. Dave works for the U.S. Japan Foundation. He spoke to the kids about service learning and told them about his days at MWC. **Andy Woodfin** works in upstate New York for Corning, which deals with high tech communications. Andy has been traveling all over the country for his job. Via e-mail, Dr. Blakemore told Len about the stories that he still tells in class where Len and **Chris Jacobs** '93 embarrassed him in front of the distinguished historian, John Keegan, with their three-times used copy of his book from the MWC bookstore. Way to go, Len, for making history of your own!

John DiMeglio '95 is working in the medical device field for Medtronic selling Lifepak defibrillators and implementing defibrillator training programs for schools, businesses and government agencies in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. He enjoys the challenges and rewards of being involved in saving lives. John was looking forward to the summer at Yankee Stadium and the Jersey shore. John ran into **Edward "Ted" Keim**. He and Laura are doing very well, busy with their children and their jobs.

Congratulations to **Deb Hodges Shelton** and husband Jon, who had a baby boy in April 2003. I enjoyed catching up with **Beth Edwards Williams**, **Sarah Kanney Mendoza**, **Mary Scarborough**, and **Kristen Maestri Carter** at the baby shower. Beth lives in Fredericksburg with her husband and son. Kristen lives in Burke, Va., with son Joseph and works as a human resources generalist at Titan Corporation in Fairfax.

Kelly Becker and husband Scott live in Denver, Colo. Their daughter, Kathryn Makenna, was born in April 2003 with red hair and blue eyes. Kelly works at the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority as an IT professional and is enrolled in an MBA program at the U. of Colorado at Denver. She expects to graduate in 2004 or 2005. **Jill Cashion Palmore** was married in 1995 and lives in Powhatan County, Va. She and husband David have two sons. Jill works part time as an accountant. Jill spoke with **Sarah King** '97, who lives in Richmond, Va., and **Laura Eberling Shafer**, who is married and has two children. **Lori Wilkinson Lambert**, is a social worker with the family intervention team at Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Department of Social Services. She married Keith in May 1999, and they live outside of Williamsburg in Toano, Va., with daughter, Alexa Jane, who was born in February 2002, and two dogs.

After three years, **Beth Lafleur** resigned as city planner for the City of Astoria, Ore., (of Lewis and Clark fame) in August 2002 and since then has been working as the Columbia estuary community programs coordinator for Shorebank Enterprise Pacific, a nonprofit "green" lending organization, doing community development work. Beth and partner Matt are restoring a 1920 Craftsman home in the picturesque and historic town of Astoria. Beth said that she is generally enjoying the life of boogie-boarding and kayaking in the ocean, running, and celebrating living in a coastal temperate rainforest. **Carol Kosko Wicks** (yes, Carol was married in June!) lives outside Atlanta, Ga. The summer wedding was held at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, N.C. She was named Teacher of the Year for her school, where she teaches first grade. Carol enjoys traveling to Italy (four trips), developing a butterfly garden at school and playing golf with her husband. Pet horse, Otis, and spoiled Jack Russell terrier, Cheever, keep her hopping. Her daughter and son graduated from (respectively) Dartmouth and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Not much is new with me. I am in my third year as counselor at an elementary school and continue to enjoy life in southern Maryland. Please keep those updates coming. I save them for the next deadline!

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From Michelle:

The Class of 1997 continues to strive in all walks of life. **Wendy Gehring** moved to New Orleans in July to pursue an MBA at the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane U. Everyone is welcome to visit her for the Sugar Bowl, Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest. **Laura Fausto** is still doing her master's at the U. of New Mexico and completed a study abroad in Cuba this summer. The Dominicans approved **Dan Tobin** for the novitiate, which is the first year in the process of becoming a Dominican friar.

Eric Earling works as the deputy secretary's regional representative for the U.S. Department of Education in Seattle. His wife, Stephani, has gone back to school to study psychology. Their two children are both doing well.

Love continues to blossom for many members of our class. **Surya Dill** is engaged to Drew Cox. They live in Colorado Springs, Colo. **Julie Wiater** was engaged to Brian J. Byrne in February and is planning a February 2004 wedding.

Sara Young teaches the fourth grade in Richmond. **Luke Sbarra** joined the firm of Arnall, Golden & Gregory in Atlanta to practice bankruptcy and commercial litigation. He is enjoying his new home in Atlanta. **Anne "Ally" Serio** lives in Irvington, Va., and works for VIMS. **Matt Paxton** has opened his own company, Paxton's Sandal Saver, home of the original Sandal Sanitizer. It's a spray that cleans and restores your flip-flops, sandals and feet.

Watch out, MWC Classes of 2021 and 2022. **Kate Lulfs Ehrle** and **Richard Ehrle** '85 are expecting their first child in November. **Jackie Curry Todaro** and Jim are expecting their second child in October. **Joyce Hanzlik Cain** and her husband were busy preparing for the birth of their first child, a boy, in July. **David** and **Holly Bebyn Burns** were expecting their first child, a girl, in September. Holly works as a school psychologist north of Hartford, and Dave is celebrating his graduation from law school.

Peter Sullivan and his girlfriend, Sasha Langden, are the proud parents of a son born in March. Peter's other two children start preschool next year. He is now a regional manager for Border's Books. His first children's book, *Jeepers Peepers!* was published in November 2002. **Amanda Moore Freels'** baby boy celebrated his first birthday in June.

John Day married **Felicity Smith** '98 in August in Dover, Mass. They planned a honeymoon in Bermuda. Their wedding will double as an MWC reunion, with **Cameron "Malcolm" McKay**, **Jon Widham** '98, Lucian "Luke" Sbarra, **Matt Paxton**, **Wally Ferguson**, **Martin Smith** '03, **Nicole Levangie** '98, **Jayme Van Horn** '98, **Lina Marunas** '98, **Adrien Snedeker** '98 and **Anne Mullins** '98 in the wedding. Felicity and John just bought a house that he is gutting and renovating, giving him the opportunity to apply what he is studying in his master's program in architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design. Also doubling as a reunion was the bridal shower of **Robin Kozic** last spring, attended by **Amy Mannion**, **Amy Lapasota Miles** and her 4-month-old son, **Mary Jean "MJ" Figel**, **Cecilia Kane Gagner**, **Ali McEvoy** and **Katie O'Leary Preston**.

Alanna Weaver continues her jet-setting, and reported that she loved Brussels for the beauty and the beer. I await Alanna's return from each of her trips, adding many new and exciting places to my "must visit" list. My husband, Wade Van House, and I spent our summer visiting several ballparks around the United States and are currently deciding whether to visit Malta or the Caymans next spring.

Albert Einstein was quoted as saying, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." I am happy that our class feels everything is a miracle and important to share with one another. Keep the news coming!

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Yes, it has been that long — this year's Homecoming is our fifth reunion! It's hard to believe that we've been out longer than we were in. Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 25, 2003. The weekend will kick off with a delicious brunch on campus and promises to be a blast. I hope to see you all there!

Anne Wenthe Turner married Jon in October '01. She works for Dun and Bradstreet in their marketing department. She and Jon live in East Hanover, N.J. She wrote that **Mandy Grandle Freds** and her husband, Will, welcomed baby William Bryce in the winter. They are living in Germany after several years in Washington state. Mandy's former roommate at Mary Wash, **Shelly Singley Adkins**, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, her second, that very same day! Shelly, husband Chris and two children now live in Williamsburg. Shelly's brother-in-law, **Kevin Adkins**, is married and lives in New Jersey. He and his band, Ice Wagon Flu, are having a great time playing in and around NYC. **Maureen Southard Townsend** married Mark in June '02. It turns out they grew up as neighbors and now live in Manassas. And how's this for fate? **Christie Cavolo** met her husband, Brian Orndorff, while they were stranded in a train during a flood. They married in October '02 and live in Stamford, Conn.

Congratulations to **Tom Zarcone** and his wife, Kim, on the birth of their daughter. By the time you read this, **Kristen Walsh Santos** and her husband, Javier, should be the proud parents of Paloma Rose. **Polly Beauchamp Salter** married her husband, Chris, in April '00. They own a home in Gainesville, Va. Polly has been a first-grade teacher in Manassas for five years. They are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child late last year.

Josh Bacigalupi returned to the United States after spending several years teaching at an international school in Bogota, Colombia. He lives in Alexandria, teaches second grade in Fairfax County and is working on his master's degree in education at MWC's James Monroe Center. He has enlisted in the Army National Guard and was to be spending his summer at basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sarah Boyer Knaub lives in Hampton with her husband, Matthew. The couple expected their first child, a girl, in early July. Sarah teaches seventh-grade math for the Hampton City School District. **Cathy Fisher** bought a home in Spotsylvania County, where she lives with her dog, Bailey. She teaches history at Massaponax High School and is working on her master's at George Mason U. In other homeowner news, **Niki Gonyo** bought a townhouse in Woodbridge, where she lives with her brother, **Peter** '00. Niki teaches fifth grade for Prince William County and finished her master's in May. Also in the education profession are **Sarah Meinhart Walsh**, who lives with her husband in Lacy, N.J., and **Alison Chlebus**, who lives in Spotsylvania County and teaches at the Spotsy middle school.

Sharon "Dawn" Miller worked as a missionary teaching ESL in Laos after graduation. Upon her return in 2000, she and **Fred Weindelmayer** were married. They live in FredVegas, where Dawn teaches first grade and Fred is a computer programmer.

Eric Brown moved to Portland, Maine, in June '99. He worked for a power company and a dot-com and, since August '01, has been attending Maine Maritime Academy to work on a degree in marine engineering. He traveled to England, Ireland, Estonia and Germany for over two months on a 500' training vessel and planned to hit the high seas again this summer. After living in Massachusetts for three years, **Catherine Cogut** moved back to the D.C. area to work for Shimadzu Scientific Instruments in Columbia, Md., as an LCMS product specialist. Most weekends, she can be found somewhere along the East Coast dancing swing and hustle, with an occasional competition.

Wedding bells will soon ring for **Jeremy Blain**! He surprised his longtime girlfriend, Jen Burke, with a weekend getaway to the Eastern Shore of Maryland — and an engagement ring! The couple is looking for a skydiving Elvis impersonator that does weddings to perform their ceremony, which is tentatively slated for next spring.

Kerry Johanson wed her sweetie, Rich, in June, and the two are residing in their new house in Hanover. **Tara Mallon** married **Rob Edwards** '97 in September. **Felicity Smith** and **John Day** '97 recently bought a house in Providence. Their wedding was scheduled for this August. **Deacon Chapin** and I will be married by the time this goes to print! We bought a little piece of Dover, N.H., in December, where Pabst can run around in his big backyard. Deacon is still our favorite Red Hook beer brewer. I have finished my master's degree in counseling and am looking forward to our two-week honeymoon in Hawaii! We caught up with Ashley and **Robb Braidwood** '00, **Clint McCarthy**, **Josh Parker** '99, **Adrien Snedeker**, **Lina Marunas**, **Mike Paolino** and **JT Tani** at **Brian Lusk**'s grandparents' cabin in Plymouth, N.H. Ashley and Robb were married in October '02 and live in Old Town Alexandria. Adrien finished her MBA and works as a program administrator for The ASCO Foundation. She lives in Alexandria with her dogs, Ohen and Grady. Josh is manager of the King George branch of Enterprise. Apparently Clint has finally decided to move out of Ashley Manor. JT lives in New Jersey and works for the Secret Service, Lusk lives in NYC and Pasta is still chasing the dream with his band, Mellowhead Blue. I ran into **Kate Dube** '97 at a shuttle stop on the campus of UNH. She is an English teacher on campus.

Matt Galeone spent the winter on his snowboard and earned his master's from George Mason in industrial/organizational psychology in December. He was promoted to a senior functional analyst at ACS, where he has worked for almost four years. He works with MWC grads and friends **Sarah Gilbert** and **Lauren Dwyer**. **Jason "Jay" Szatmary** is working on publishing a series of "How To" guidebooks and spends his free time working at Sapient in Boston. **Lara Fedorov** can't get enough of Micronesia! Even though her two years in the Peace Corps are up in August, she has accepted a one-year position as the assistant director for the Conservation Society of Pohnpei. A new Peace Corps colleague is **Katie Buban**, who finished grad school and leaves for Tonga in July. She wrote that **Martha Nicodemus** has moved to Atlanta and works at IBM, and that **Mohammad Hammam** got married and lives in Cairo.

Caitlin Jenkins lives in the D.C. area and accepted an exciting new position at the National Gallery of Art in the sculpture conservation department. **Joanna Riedel-Dunn** is doing an internship at the National Gallery as she finishes her master's in art conservation. She and **Wesley Dunn** were married in July '00 and live in Cleveland Park. Wesley finished his first year of law school at Catholic U. **Julie Williams Armstrong** and her husband, Michael, celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary in May. They live in Holly Springs, N.C. Julie is a full-time at-home mom to their three children. She also works part time as a senior historian and writer for The Copernicus Group, a national defense consulting firm based in Arlington. **Alyson Andrews Ramsey** and her husband, Peter, moved to Norfolk, and Alyson is right at home on the beach! She works for a consulting firm called The Curtis Group as their campaign coordinator. She reported that her "little" brother, **Kenny Andrews** '99, has announced his engagement. Also, **Margaret "Meg" Ellis** will be a married woman when you read this, as she and Jeff Storey tied the knot in May. **Mary Parker** married Randall Clow and lives in Richmond. **Lee Ann Reaser** has worked for MWC since graduation and is the director of annual giving.

A couple issues back, I promised that I would share news of **Tim Roberts** and **Scott Mulligan**, as they had both endured some difficult times. I'm happy to write that Scott has moved from chilly New Hampshire to sunny Florida to the hills of North Carolina and is doing well. Tim lives in Fredericksburg and is in remission. **Katie Shea** has also relocated to the Fredericksburg area, as she accepted a position as the assistant director of alumni relations at our alma mater! She has moved back to Rowe Street and has invited all of us to crash with her and her dog, Riley, if we're passing through town. She asks that we all update our contact information through the online community in the alumni section of the MWC Web site. Katie can be reached at kshea@mwc.edu.

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It was great to hear from so many people this time, since I am in one of two places. I am hopefully in a foreign country teaching on a military base, or if that fell through, I am still in Spotsylvania County teaching fourth grade. So, e-mail me, and I'll let you know where I am.

As usual, I begin with recent engagements and weddings. Very special congratulations go to my best friend, **Kristin Ruhl**, who was engaged in April to Lee Bergstrom. They will be married in May 2004 in Corolla, N.C., where I will be part of the wedding party. **Lindsey Morgan** was engaged to Andrew Grinnell in December and has planned a November wedding. They have bought a house in Richmond, Va. **Chris Wiegand** has wedded Todd Price and the couple resides in Richmond, as well. **Sarah Scybert** also announced her engagement, and the couple has settled in Bloomington, Ill. She has finished her master's in biotechnology at Illinois State U., and is currently serving as a pharmaceutical sales representative with Eli Lilly and Company.

Strangely enough, **Chris Fines** and I ran into each other at my school the other day, and he was able to update me on his current life. He is married and lives in Richmond. He is a financial adviser with AXA advisers in Richmond. **Sarah Petty** and **Chris Rice** '98 are planning an October 2003 wedding in Fredericksburg, Va. Sarah, a HISP major, has been working in the education and public programs division of Hillwood Museum & Gardens in NW Washington for about three years after a brief stint at the Smithsonian Institution. Chris works as an actuary at GEICO Insurance's D.C. headquarters. A honeymoon trip to Europe, New England, or Mt. Everest is planned. They will be living in Shirlington after the wedding. **Courtney Crabill** was engaged in November 2002 to Peter Rossi, a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '95 alumnus. They live in Fairfax, Va. Their wedding is set for November 2003 in Harrisonburg, Va. Courtney left WorldCOM/MCI in late May, because she got a new job working for the Federal government. **Jeremy Duval** and **Jennifer Flynn** were married in July 2003. Jennifer is a city planner for the City of San Diego, and Jeremy is a project manager for the Omega Group, a GIS software development company.

Our classmates are on the move again. **Hien Truong** packed up, moved to Chicago and is working for Bally Gaming Systems. Although **Julie McPhilomy** continues to reside in Chicago, she has changed apartments. She continues to work for American Airlines and flies above us each day! **Steve Charnoff** graduated from UNC-

Chapel Hill with his law degree in May and has moved back to Northern Virginia. He is residing in Arlington, Va., with his brother, **Mike** '95. **Jeanine Boeke** returned from a month in Key West with **Allyson Harkey** '00. Jeanine resides in Minneapolis, Minn. She continues to pursue her master's in professional counseling and expects to graduate in August '04. **Jenny Phillips Turner**'s husband **Brian** '00 is stationed in North Carolina. She is subbing at base schools, while Brian has been out to sea. At the time of her writing, she was hoping to see him for Memorial Day weekend. My dear roommate of two years, **Lisa Mueller**, has decided to pursue higher learning and has moved to Charlottesville, where she will pursue a master's degree in science education at U.Va.

Many people are beginning to change careers or are just starting out after finishing school. **Jessie Swissler** is living in Utah and has a spectacular seasonal life as a whitewater river guide for a company called Holiday Expeditions. That's the summer job, while the winter job is working at Alta Ski Resort in Alta, Utah. She is continuously working on being the perfect ski bum in the winter, is still single and loves it! **Beth LaMantia** has run her third marathon. She went to Paris (France, not Texas!) to run it at the beginning of April. Her next one is the Chicago Marathon in October. She said, "It's so weird! Two years ago I couldn't run three miles without taking a break and now here we are, training for my fourth marathon!" She lives in Dupont Circle and is still working for a brokerage firm downtown. **Jimmy Rhodes** '02 works for the American Diabetes Association, and was living in Arlington, Va., but planned to move to Fairfax, Va. **Nate Pipke** is currently traveling around Virginia with a group called Almost Recess. This is an a cappella group that travels around to schools to perform and teach the students about music. **Robyn Alizzeo** was graduated from veterinary school in May! She is doing an internship at an exclusively equine practice in Idaho for one year, and then who knows what. Dr. Robyn Alizzeo has a nice ring to it!

Supapan Kanti went to Barcelona, Spain, in February, by herself, I might add. She is going to Cancun for a wedding in June. Supapan works in Bethesda for Watkins IT and still lives in Northern Virginia. **Alex Panek** is a health-care recruiter and lives in Villanova, Pa. He moved to the Philadelphia area after graduation with **Matt White**, **Matt Macdonald**, **Jaimi Lacaria**, and **Amanda McLennan**. Amanda works at the Philadelphia Museum of Art as a major gifts officer. Jaimi attends Temple U. and is working toward her master's in speech therapy. Matt White works in human resources at the Suburban Water Company of Greater Philadelphia, and Matt Macdonald is also in HR at ExcellRx, a pharmaceutical company. **James Tsantes** is living it up in Rochester, N.Y., while earning his MBA from the Simon School of Business, Class of 2004. He worked in Boston in the summer in the financial planning and analysis department at the Federal Reserve Bank. Upon graduation, he plans to work in NYC in financial specialties or buy side investment banking.

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Greetings to our great class that has now been out of MWC for three years. It seems unbelievable, but more unbelievable are all the amazing things our friends and classmates are doing.

Cara Allison lives in Alexandria, Va., and works at the Pentagon on the staff of the undersecretary for policy. She earned her master's in international relations from Syracuse U., is engaged to a Navy pilot and is planning a wedding for March '04. Her roommate, **Jessica Greene**, is in her third year of teaching fifth grade at Mantua Elementary. **Jen Burger** is an environmental scientist at Cooper Experimental in Charlotte, N.C.; she is engaged to Evan Thomas and plans to marry in September '03. **Heather A. Carter** has a career teaching kindergarten in Spotsylvania County; she planned a summer '03 wedding to Corey Hewson, a high-school history teacher and assistant soccer coach at MWC. **Amy Davis** married Jed Dixon in May '03; they live on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. **Jim Dlugasch** married **Emily Patterson** '01 in June '03; he works for Ernst & Young. **Kelly Engel** teaches English and theory of knowledge at Princess Ann H.S.; she planned a June '03 wedding in Virginia Beach to John Boyd, a band director at the high school. **Erik Enright** married upon graduation in '00, owns a house in Cleveland and has a son named Joseph; he works for OEConnection as a software engineer.

Teresa Franklin wedded **Brian Savage** '01 in June '03; she still teaches for Prince William County, Va. **Leah Gordon** married in July '02 and can be found teaching music at Garfield H.S. in Woodbridge, Va. **Suzanne Hayes** is engaged to Donald Brown; they plan a November '03 wedding. **Emilie Marchese** teaches eighth grade in Prince William County, Va., and recently bought a house; she married Seth Gunn in August '03. **Sara Monaghan** and **Brad Poole** had plans to wed in August '03. **Eva Ross Ghiold** has worked for the past three years at Wyeth as a communications coordinator. She and her husband, Matt, added a beautiful baby girl, Cassidy, to the family in August '02. **Irene Schinkel Bristow** bought a house in Herndon, Va.; she teaches in an elementary school and enjoys building relationships with local church youth where her husband, **David Bristow** '01, is a youth director. **Erin Shank** and Auston Brunot were married in April '03; Erin completed a master's of physician studies from DeSales U. in August '03. **Kirsten St. Clair Oliphant** married a Texan named Rob in March '03; they live in Houston, where Rob does youth ministry, and Kirsten has plans for teaching. Psychology department graduates **Andrea Wrigley** and **Erik Levy** were married in May '03. Andrea is obtaining her master's in social work at Catholic U. in Washington, D.C., while Erik works as a software developer.

Heather E. Carter Vorderbruggen was married in June '01 and teaches high-school history outside Baltimore. Heather also coaches field hockey and lacrosse. **Sarah Chase** spent a day during spring '03 running a Washington, D.C. marathon for leukemia research. **Stacey Christopher** can still be found at ASM Research as a computer systems analyst in the Northern Virginia area. **Jamie Currie** is practicing occupational therapy in Richmond, Va. **Sunshine Evans** is an eighth-grade teacher in Charleston, N.C. **Kelly George** lives in Richmond, Va., and teaches in an elementary school. **Diane Grimm** trained for a Manhattan mini-marathon with fellow MWC'ers **Mandy Heller** and **Rob Wall**. Mandy resides in Hoboken, N.J., with her two cats; she is a social worker at Court Appointed Special Advocates for Manhattan Family Court. Rob lives with Mandy and works as a programmer analyst at Applied Business Systems.

Nichole Gubitosi still works for an Internet publishing company in Northern Virginia and was promoted to manager in spring '03. **Jackie Herr Kha** and her hubby live north of Baltimore; she works as a payroll manager for the Payroll Service Bureau. **Julie Ann Houts** lives near Philadelphia, Pa., and works at Merck & Co. as a vaccine and sterile GMP compliance auditor; simply, she verifies that FDA regulations are being met for vaccine products. **Josh Maddox** has left the political arena for a while to start a consulting company with his father. **Joe McCallister** spent seven months in Japan teaching English. **Duncan McLellan** received a call from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.; he will serve as vicar for one year starting July '03. **Beth Montgomery** put her Ph.D. program on hold to join the Peace Corps; she serves in Jamaica working with at-risk teen-age girls. **John Osterman** is finishing his two years in Africa with the Peace Corps. **Sam Morrison** works for an international logistics technology company in Milford, Conn. **Elaine Murray** found her calling as a nurse at the U. of Maryland Shock Trauma Center. **Jenna Myers** lives in Richmond, Va., and is a senior copywriter at Technobrands. **Devon Noon** lives in Sacramento, Calif., and works for a construction company. **Julie Palmer-Hoffman** works for a publishing firm as an editor in Danbury, Conn.

Ashley "Lizzie" Perrin teaches fourth grade in Fredericksburg, Va. **Lauren Rizzi** works for the American Bankers Association in the planning and research department; she coordinates conferences, phone briefings and school meetings. Lauren, **Elizabeth McKeeby**, **Valerie Wunder**, **Kari McGlamary** and **Susan Wolf** planned a trip together in August '03 to San Francisco and Yosemite. Valerie bought a house, adopted a greyhound, and traveled with **Daniela Kelley** to London for a mini-holiday; she works as a promotions director for WHFS, where she hosted her sixth WHFStival in Washington, D.C. Daniela works as an assignment editor for Fox News in Washington, D.C. Her roommate, **Ellen Perry**, works for a fund-raising office and coaches a synchronized swimming team in the Northern Virginia area. **Meghan Roswell** lives in Washington, D.C., and works as an annuities manager for a law firm. **Missy Schmidt** has decided to stay in Madrid permanently to work for Reebok Sport Club; she has big plans for travel and exploring the unique European culture. **Steve Shaw** lives in Fredericksburg and works for the Department of Defense in the Joint Warfare Analysis Center. **Christy Smith** can be found teaching first grade in New Jersey. **Jennifer Smith** graduated May '02 from Regent U.; now she is a guidance counselor for 300 high-school students in Dinwiddie County, Va. **Sarah Stacy** works as a meeting/event planner for a firm in Washington, D.C.; she also plays on a kickball team with **Erin Dempsey**. **Ryan Wellner** started a lacrosse company named Celtic Lacrosse that hosts clinics around the world. Ryan lives on Long Island and is still a big party host. **Jonathan "Doppler" West** joined the Army after graduation and is doing biological research outside of Chicago. **Sarah Workman** is a senior program assistant for the National Democratic Institute in Washington, D.C. **Peter Gonyo** does computer networking at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

Kate Amey Degnan was graduated in May '03 from UNC-Greensboro with a master's in developmental psychology. **Kristen Bertini** was graduated in May '03 from James Madison U. with a master's degree in speech language pathology, after which, she planned to move to Northern Virginia and start the job search. **Jessica Cebula** is a third-year med student at UMDNJ and about to start a residency program.

Geoff Bradley works for Lockheed Martin and attends a grad school program through work. **Matt Hollerieth** also works for Lockheed Martin, lives in Manassas and attends a grad program at George Mason U. Rumor has it that **Wendy**

Carlson is pursuing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at a school in Missouri. **Steve Donahoe** is earning his law degree from U. of Pittsburgh. **Janet Emery** earned a master's in preservation planning from Eastern Michigan U. in June '02. Janet is working in Harrisburg, Pa., as an architectural historian with KCI Technologies. **Annette Hibbert** teaches second grade in Columbia, Md.; she plans to attend U. of Maryland for a master's in library science, so she can become a school library media specialist. **Eric Knott** has decided to return to college in fall '03, attending Virginia Tech to obtain a master's in urban and regional planning.

Stacey Ladd spends her time teaching fifth grade in Norwood, Mass.; she is earning her master's in education with a concentration in curriculum and technology. **Sarah Lyon** recently completed her first year at Cornell Law School. **Sean Otto** attends Emerson College in Boston, Mass. **Jim Reagan** was graduated with a master's in administration and supervision from St. Peter's College in August '03. Jim not only teaches at Union Catholic H.S. but also is head varsity coach for the boys' basketball team and boys' baseball team. **Andrea Rossi** attends UNC-Chapel Hill to work on her Ph.D. in physiology. **David Sands** has one more year of law school and spent summer '03 working in Richmond, Va. **Kelli Schaefer Makin** moved back to Fredericksburg, Va., with her husband and 1-year-old daughter. **Eve Sledjeski** earned her master's in experimental health psychology and is working toward a Ph.D. in the same area at Kent State U. Eve got engaged Halloween '02 to a fellow grad student. **Julie Smith Palmer** graduated from Washington & Lee U. Law School in May '03. **Delbert "Dax" Terrill** is still studying at George Mason U. Law School. As for me, I live in Orlando and work as a recruiting coordinator for MetLife Financial Services.

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It is hard to believe that it has been more than two years since we all were graduated! But that time has been eventful for many members of our class. Here is what everyone has been up to!

Caroline Jarvis moved to Virginia, where she hopes to work full time and pursue a master's degree in public administration. **Kedron Bullock** finished her second year of law school and is looking forward to graduation. She worked at the U.S. Attorney's office this summer. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** is happy to report that she and her husband recently bought a townhouse in Bristow, Va.

John Rapaglia is enrolled in an oceanography graduate program at the Marine Sciences Research Center at SUNY Stony Brook. He has received a Fulbright Scholarship to study submarine groundwater discharge into the Venice Lagoon in Italy. The scholarship provided him with a living allowance, tuition at the U. of Venice, insurance and all transportation costs.

Kelly Turcic Bailey and her new husband, Jonathan, are restoring a 19th century Victorian home. They were married in July, and **Laura Reigle** and **Mel Sirois** '00 were in the wedding party. Other MWC grads in attendance included **Madelyn Marino**, Caroline Jarvis, **Jessica Moore** '02 and **Lauren Smith**. The Baileys celebrated their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Beth Waters also exchanged wedding vows with her new husband, Johnathan Hunley, a fellow reporter at *The Free Lance-Star*. The reception for the June Fredericksburg wedding was held at the College. **Lesia Kindrat-Pratt** and **Rachel Sykes** were members of the wedding party.

Rosemary Dearborn Jones has been happily married for two years. She and her husband live in Germantown, Md. She completed a year of teaching at a private school in Bethesda and has been teaching skin care with Mary Kay Cosmetics as a sales director. She enjoys working with women and encouraging them in both their personal and professional lives.

Sarah Schmoyer lives in Richmond and teaches fifth-grade mathematics. Last year, **Jessica Bergner** moved to Japan and is teaching English to Japanese middle-school children. **Corie Tarbet** teaches world history and world geography at Hylton High School at the Center for International Studies and Languages. He plans to pursue a master's degree in history in spring 2004.

Mary "Amanda" Hedleston Dierling was married in January to her fiancé, Jay, and they bought a home in Chantilly, Va. She works at Navy Federal Credit Union in the membership department, where she has been since January 2002 after teaching sixth grade for a semester. She spends her summers directing summer theater.

Marta DiMeglio graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City with a master of arts degree in forensic psychology. **Madelyn Marino** works as a management consultant in Greenwich, Conn. She earned her master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology in May.

Sara Harney was graduated from U.Va. with a master's degree in counseling and hopes to find a job in Northern Virginia as a middle school counselor. **Jen Amore** completed her MBA in the spring at Adelphi U. and will be attending New York Law School. **Melanie Mousseau** has built a home in Gainesville, Fla. She finished her master's degree and will begin working on her doctorate in sports psychology in the fall.

Martine St. Germain completed her year of service with AmeriCorps, and now she is working as a physical therapy assistant in Boulder, Colo. **Jordy Keith** works as a U.S. Park Ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and is working on a master's degree.

Jonathan Zwicke accepted a job as a Navy contractor in San Diego and is enjoying the new job and Southern California. **Jason Cobb** packed his car and left D.C. in search of new opportunities and adventures in Santa Monica, Calif.

Kevin Lampinen is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps stationed in Pensacola, Fla., for flight school. He and **Shannon Burke**, who is a second lieutenant in the Air Force, are both serving in the same squadron. In addition, **Karyn Havas** is a second lieutenant in the Army Medical Reserves.

Sandy Mayes is a biology teacher and assistant softball coach at Brentsville District High School in Prince William County. She also will be married in October to her fiancé, a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He was stationed in Afghanistan until the middle of the summer.

Pete Stoughton was scheduled to be in Africa with the Peace Corps in October, but when he became engaged to Kristin Rider, he instead began teaching in Charlottesville, Va., at the emotional disorder school, Whisper Ridge Behavioral System. They were married in August and plan to live in Charlottesville for a few years.

Brianne Patchell was graduated from the U. of Wisconsin-Madison with a master's degree in human development and family studies with a focus on early intervention for children with disabilities and their families. In June, she married Brian Friberg, a worship pastor at Lake City Church. The couple plans to live in Madison.

Jill McDonald will begin attending the Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall to earn a master's degree in Christian education and children's ministry. Over the summer, she worked at a camp in Oakhurst, Calif. **Jenny Conkle** lives in Fredericksburg and is a psychosocial rehabilitation provider in Culpeper. She began attending graduate classes in August at VCU toward a degree in social work. **Sheri Asbeil** began law school this fall and is working for a law firm in Richmond.

Rose Marie Pantazis has been enrolled in the Virginia Law Reader Program, an alternative to law school available in Virginia, where she will complete her three years of academic work under the guidance of one supervising attorney. She completed her second year in the program and is looking forward to her third year practice certificate, when she will be able to try cases in court under the supervision of an attorney. In September, she began a three-month internship with the Spotsylvania County commonwealth attorney.

Jennifer Ward Hoffman completed her first year in an accelerated BSN-MSN program and participated in the summer externship program Bridging the Gaps. There, she worked at a city clinic, with other students around the city, creating programs and attending workshops.

Charyl Hensley is a real estate professional assistant, a designation made by the National Association of Realtors. She works for Inland Southeast Property Management Corp. in Orlando, Fla., and is a member of the American Association of University Women and the International Council of Shopping Centers. In her spare time, she volunteers for the New Hope Center for Grieving Children and Child Watch.

Mike Harris works for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and was promoted to the position of museum educator. He is a member of the board for the Berks County Preservation Trust and serves on its property committee.

Mike Santay is leaving his job coaching baseball in Rhode Island to take a job in Northern Virginia. After taking time off from school to work as a bartender and DJ, **Stephen Hinchliffe** is applying to graduate schools for his master's degree in genetics. **Becky Gibbons** is enjoying medical school at the Medical College of Virginia.

Chris Winslow and **Kim Kelley** are engaged. Kim is a senior auditor at KPMG, and Chris began his legal training at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego in August. **Jason Green**, who recently became engaged, works for Northrop Grumman Information Technology. **Vivian Perez** also works for Northrop Grumman.

Sharon Wilcox lives in Germantown, Md., and works for Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C. Lauren Smith is working on a clinical doctorate in audiology at East Carolina U. **Adele McDonald** has completed her second year at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., and is interning with a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice. She married **Andrew Neiburg** '00 in June.

Alevia Colwell works with OnSite Companies in Rockville, Md., where she recently was promoted to sales. **Kelli Brittain** and **Bernice Kenney** live in Arlington, Va. Kelli also works at On-

Site Companies' Fairfax office, while Bernice continues her job with the American Red Cross in Rosslyn.

Alex Racanelli and **Denise Harrington** live in New York City. Their trendy apartment sits on the East side, which is a quick walk to work for Alex at Sloan Kettering Cancer Research Institute and a short commute for Dee at Global Securitization Services LLC.

Jacquie Frank is attending graduate school while also working some tough hours at the local emergency room. She resides in her hometown of Toms River, N.J. **Carolyn Scott** works for Chubb in Washington, D.C., which is close to her apartment in Dupont Circle.

Sarah Downey graduated from John Jay in New York City in May and then relocated to the Boston area. **Ellen Anderson** and **Ted Bratrud** tied the knot in October 2002 and live in the Northern Virginia area.

Jamie Foster has been busy traveling and working between Vermont and Nantucket. Not too far around the corner from Jamie's hometown are his former college roommates **Brendan Eygabroat** and **Zac Sargent**. Brendan is in graduate school at Suffolk U. in Boston, Mass., while Zac works in their local area of Brookline.

Trais Pearson just returned from a year in Thailand and plans to attend graduate school at Wake Forest. **Steve Paturynski** lives in Connecticut but works in NYC.

Andy Suddarth, **Ed Holownia**, **Chris Vibert** and **John East** live in Oakton, Va. Andy teaches government at Annandale High School, while also serving as assistant coach for the men's varsity lacrosse team. Ed works at Boats US in Alexandria and coaches men's varsity lacrosse with **Grif Barhight** at Lee High School. Chris continues his steady job with the Navy Federal Credit Union, while John will begin intense training as a D.C. cop this summer.

Cliff Hazelton lives in Falls Church and works for the space applications branch of the naval research laboratory. **Mike DiSalvo** is working for a pharmaceutical company in Richmond. **Jay Johnston** bought a townhouse in Manassas and sees much of the D.C. metro area due to his job in claims with an insurance company.

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In April, **Emily Wilson** married Clay Roberts in Williamsburg, Va. In September, she started a new position as assistant curator of historic interiors for Colonial Williamsburg.

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In Memoriam

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Mary Gay Calcott, a member of the English faculty from 1958-1961

Condolences

Ruth Samuel Legnini '44, who lost her husband
Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy '44, who lost her sister
Jean Adie Mogavero '44, who lost her son-in-law
Jane Brownley Thomas '44, who lost her son
Nancy Gravatt Tucker '44, who lost her husband
Anna Roberts Ware '44, who lost her son
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Elizabeth Goffigon Jonns '45, who lost her husband
Hilda Chrisman Pendleton '45, who lost her brother
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Ruth Sargent Campbell '48, who lost her husband
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Glenna Graves Shiflett '48, who lost her mother
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Mary Elizabeth Hatcher '61, who lost her father
Sandra Cox Jones '62, who lost her mother
Pamela Brookes Weiseman '63, who lost her husband
Rochele Stansell Hirsch '70, who lost her mother
Conde Palmore Hopkins '70, who lost her father
Martha Pickard Zink '70, who lost her father
Julia Porter '74, who lost her sister
Melinda Bowles '77, who lost her sister
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